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# PUBLIC CARS TO GO ON STRIKE

## Tense Moment At Taxi Stand

### Pickets Ignore Ultimatum And Insist On Arrest

### ANOTHER MEETING TONIGHT

ALL PUBLIC HIRE CARS IN HONG KONG AND ON THE MAINLAND WILL GO ON STRIKE AT 10 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING AS A PROTEST AGAINST YESTERDAY'S ARREST OF LI CHIU, A STRIKING TAXI DRIVER.

This decision was reached late last night during a meeting of representatives of the Motor Drivers Union.

The strike has tentatively been fixed for three days, but may be extended if the Government fails to effect the release of Li Chiu, arrested driver. The vote on the strike resolution was unanimous.

During the course of the meeting, 10 representatives of the Association of Hong Kong's Labour Unions arrived and told the drivers they had their unstinted support. Representatives of the Association will call on the Commissioner of Labour at 9.30 a.m. today to discuss the arrest.

Another meeting of delegates of private car, truck and motorbus drivers has been planned for this evening. The meeting last night decided to call today's planned protest a work stoppage, and not a strike.

With shouts of "Do whatever you like," "At least we have food and shelter," and "Trust to God," 42 taxi drivers, pickets voluntarily jumped into three police trucks after receiving a five-minute ultimatum to move off or be arrested, outside the Star Ferry Stand yesterday afternoon.

More than 100 police personnel, headed by Commanding Officer Heath, Detective Superintendent Tyrer, Detective Inspector Cashman, Detective Inspector Gordon, Detective Inspector Hsu and Inspector Penfold, took about 45 minutes to clear the Stand before the taxis could freely carry on.

Thirty minutes after the stand began to besiege the taxis, where more than 10 cabs were waiting for passengers, a Shanghai Taxi Company picket, Li Chiu, was forcibly carried into a truck arrested for obstruction.

Li Chiu was leading a long line of his striking colleagues and stood in front of a Star Taxi vehicle, which was about to pick up a European passenger.

Police persuasion to make him move and advice to picket failed. When warned that he would be arrested for obstruction, the picket cried out: "Why should you interfere. This is my food, bread and butter."

Li Chiu had to be carried away by CO Heath and DS Tyrer protesting vehemently. Another picket shouted to the men to follow him into the van. A brief discussion among themselves ensued and the men continued to bar the path of the cabs again.

Volunteers were called by the police. Three cabs, helped by the police managed to move off.

When it was seen that the pickets were getting out of hand, a five-minute ultimatum was issued. The pickets were told to move off or they would be arrested for obstruction.

Police reinforcements had, in the meantime, been arriving in trucks, and were standing by at Central.

For five minutes, neither police nor pickets made any move. Police constables lined up along the Praya, on both sides of the reinforcements, and a strong posse stood in front of the stand, all ready for any resistance.

As soon as the deadline was reached, the police closed in, apparently to pick up their men. But, almost simultaneously, the pickets pushed aside the constables and ran into the vans. Traffic along Connaught Road, coming from the Cricket Club which had been diverted into Statue Square, resumed its normal course as the majority of the police returned to their station.

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### Kowloon Pickets

In Kowloon yesterday morning, pickets from the Motorists' Association accompanied former drivers of the Blue Taxi Co. and the Kowloon Taxi Co. to the respective garages to ask for their pay.

On their arrival, they immediately blockaded the garages, refusing to permit any cabs to leave the premises until they had been paid. Requests from other employees of the two companies to the strikers to go back later were turned down.

Police assistance was sought and Inspector T.J. Hensley, OIC Yau-mat Station, went to the Blue Taxi Co.

Through his interpreter, Inspector Hensley advised the crowd, numbering about 40 to disperse and in return at 10 a.m. when the manager of the Blue Taxi would be in the office to pay the men off. They turned his advice down claiming that they were in need of money and were not sure whether the manager would be there on time.

The argument continued until 6.20 a.m. when, on his arrival, Mr. E.C. Luscombe, Divisional Superintendent, told the men that unless they did what they were told they would be arrested and charged with obstructing. Despite cries of "Let us get arrested together," the men moved away from the entrance to the garage and permitted taxis to leave the premises.

The men were permitted to line up on the pavement, on both sides of the main entrance, but were told that once they started to create a disturbance they would be arrested.

### Drivers Refuse

At 8.30 a.m., Mr. Tsang Pui-nan, the manager, arrived and invited the former drivers in to the office to collect their pay. When offered the amount due them for the week of September 10 to 22, they refused and demanded to be paid for the whole period of the strike as well.

Some went to the extent of demanding an additional two weeks' pay in lieu of notice, plus a pro rata rate to the agreed amount of bonus for the whole year. This was refused by the management.

### Three Negroes Implicated In Sex Killing

Agua, Guam, January 11. One suspect in the brutal rape murder of Miss Ruth Farnsworth, 27-year-old Navy civilian employee, today implicated three Negro servicemen in the month-old jungle attack.

According to the military authorities, the suspect confessed three Negro servicemen on the night of the attack approached the isolated jute shop where Miss Farnsworth worked.

One Negro engaged her in discussion of curios and when she stepped from behind the counter another outside signalled a third who ripped out the wires leading to a generator.

The suspect said the girl was struck unconscious in the jungle. "I and two other fellows stepped from behind the counter another outside signalled a third who ripped out the wires leading to a generator.

Inspector Albert Hiedel of Berkeley, California, police department played an important role in leading to the confession.—United Press.



The first clash between the taxi strikers and the police since the strike started on September 22 occurred at the Hong Kong Star Ferry wharf stand yesterday when 41 pickets, after ignoring an official ultimatum to "move off or be arrested," jumped into three police trucks to be voluntarily arrested with their comrades, Li Chiu. Photo shows the police-strikers talk before the climax.—"China Mail" Photo.

### Tientsin Peace Hopes Brighten; Control Yuan To Ask For Cease-Fire

Tientsin, January 11. Hopes of being spared further ravages of civil war soared today when the four-man peace delegation returned from a satisfactory initial interview with the Communists outside the city.

The delegates—all members of the City Council—who crossed into Communist territory on Sunday afternoon to appeal for a cease-fire, came back this morning with terms and the Communist promise to refrain from gun-fire for 24 hours.

The unshaven and weary councillors, who were reluctant to talk when questioned by Reuters, did not see General Lin Piao, the Communist commander, personally but his chief-of-staff, who expressed the desire to accept the public plea for peace in principle.

A written statement issued by the peace emissaries said that the Communists expressed admiration for the Councilors and their endeavours in the interests of Tientsin's 2,000,000 inhabitants.

The Reds approved the demands of the Tientsin people for peace and said that they had no desire to destroy Tientsin. The Communists expressed their readiness for peace talks and asked the councilors to continue their good work towards this end.

In response to the demands for peace, the Communists the statement continued, provisionally agreed to a cease-fire from January 10 at 6 p.m. for 24 hours.

The delegates left Tientsin in a military jeep, which was supplied by the Tientsin garrison and travelled to the protection dyke, where they disembarked and walked on foot under a white flag across no-man's land towards the Communist lines.

#### More Negotiations

The councilors are expected to return to Communist territory this afternoon for further negotiations. They will probably proceed to Chinghai, 53 kilometres South West of Tientsin on the Tientsin-Pukow railway where, presumably, the Red High Command is quartered.

The Chairman of the City Council, Mr. Yang Yi-chow, smilingly declared today that the first stage of the peace mission was satisfactory and expressed optimism regarding the whole future.

In Nanjing, Nationalist China's Control Yuan, the Kuomintang Government's highest supervisory body, today unanimously decided to appeal for an immediate cease-fire to end the civil war with the advancing Communists.

It issued a 5,000-word declaration in which it urged the Communists to adopt the same attitude towards peace as the Kuomintang had done in his New Year message, and to respect the people's desire to end the war and suffering.

A group of Control Yuan members submitted for further consideration a four-point peace plan. It suggested, first, that Generalissimo Chiang, Premier Sun Fo and Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung be asked to stop military operations and, as soon as possible, send representatives to discuss concrete peace proposals.

Secondly, to hold an early discussion on peace talks between the Cabinet Ministers Chang Chih-chung and Chang Chun, and peace advocate Shao Li-tsun and Kwan Li-sun.

Thirdly, the ambassadors of the Big Four powers be inter-

# Ordinance Would Control Movement Of Persons Not Born In Hong Kong

An Ordinance to control the entry into, departure from and movement in Hong Kong of persons not born in the Colony will have its First Reading at today's Legislative Council.

Main objects of the Ordinance, said an official statement, is to revise and consolidate legislation relating to the entry into and residence in the Colony of persons who are not born in Hong Kong, and to provide for the better control of aliens.

A further object is to provide for a check on the movement of persons who are not born in Hong Kong.

The proposed Ordinance restricts entry into Hong Kong to an authorised landing place or point of entry and under and in accordance with a permit of the Immigration Officer.

The master of every vessel entering or leaving the Colony will be required, when requested to do so by the Immigration Officer, to exhibit a complete list of officers and crew, and produce for inspection and interrogation all the officers and members of the crew.

In the case of passenger-carrying vessels, the master shall produce a complete list of all passengers, arranged alphabetically, specifying their nationality, place of birth, calling or occupation, the ports or places of their embarkation or disembarkation or intended disembarkation.

In the case of aircraft, the captain of the aircraft shall land his aircraft at such places and during such periods as the Governor may direct by not notification in the Gazette.

The Ordinance also provides that any person who arrives in the Colony, or who is about to leave the Colony by sea, air or land, shall fully and truthfully answer all questions and inquiries put to him by the Immigration Officer, notwithstanding that the answer may tend to render such person liable to any restriction whatever, or may tend to incriminate him.

He shall also disclose and produce to any such officer on demand all documents in his possession tending directly or indirectly to establish his identity, nationality, and occupation.

**Classification**

If, during the examination of persons arriving in the Colony, or after such inquiry as may be necessary, it is found that any immigrant—

(a) is diseased, maimed, blind, an idiot, lunatic or decrepit not having the means of subsistence and may be hindered by his state from earning a livelihood; or

(b) is unable to show that he has in his possession the means of decently supporting himself and his dependents, if any, until he obtains a livelihood; or

(c) is a person likely to become a vagrant, beggar, or a charge upon any public or private charitable institution; or

(d) is a person suffering from a contagious disease which is loathsome or dangerous; or

(e) being a person required to be in possession of valid travel documents is not in possession of such documents or is in possession of forged or altered travel documents which do not fully comply with any enactment in force; or

(f) has been removed from any country or state by the Government authorities of any such country or state on repatriation for any reason whatever; or

(g) is suspected of being likely to promote sedition or to cause a disturbance of the public tranquillity; or

(h) is unable to show that he has definite employment awaiting him or that he has a reasonable prospect of obtaining such employment; or

(i) is a prostitute, a person living on the earnings of prostitution or a person of known immoral character; or

(j) is not in possession of such certificates as may be necessary under the Quarantine Regulations in force; or

(k) is prohibited from entering the Colony under any other enactment for the time being in force; the Immigration Officer may prohibit such person from landing in the Colony and may in his discretion detain him until an opportunity arises to return him to his place of embarkation or to the country of his birth or citizenship.

If any immigrant refuses to answer any questions, or gives unsatisfactory answers, the Immigration Officer may prohibit him from landing.

### Round-Up Of Terrorists

Kuala Lumpur, January 11. Detachments of the Coldstream Guards today started a big operation to round-up Chinese bandits and deport them to China.

They cordoned off an area occupied by Chinese squatters South of Kajang, 15 miles South of Kuala Lumpur, which was described as a hotbed of Communist activity.

The operation was the first under an emergency decree promulgated yesterday, which gives the Government wide powers to deport the population in areas actively supporting the terrorists.—Reuters.

aircraft, train or vehicle, in which such officer has reason to suspect that there may be anything which may be evidence of any contravention, or intended contravention, of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or which may belong to or be in the possession of or under the sole or partial control of any person whom it is lawful for such police officer to detain or arrest;

(e) seize, remove and detain anything which appears to be evidence of any contravention of the law or which it is desirable to detain for further examination or which appears to belong to or to be in the possession of or to be under the sole or partial control of any person whom it is lawful for such police officer to detain or arrest;

**May Detain**

Such officer may—

(a) break open any outer or inner door of or in any such place;

(b) forcibly enter any such vessel, aircraft, train or vehicle and every part thereof;

(c) remove by force any person or material obstruction to any arrest, detention, search, seizure or removal which he is empowered to make;

(d) detain every person found in such place or on board such vessel, aircraft, train or vehicle until such place or vessel, aircraft, train or vehicle has been searched;

(3) No person shall obstruct any detention, arrest, search, seizure or removal which is authorised by this Ordinance.

No person may enter the Colony without either—

(a) a valid travel document which establishes the identity and nationality of the holder and authorises him to travel to and enter the Colony, issued and endorsed, in the case of a British subject and British protected person by a competent British official, and in other cases by an official, having authority to issue and endorse such document in respect of the person in question; or

(b) search any place or vessel, (not being a ship of war)

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### Jet Fighter Makes Forced Landing

On its final hop from Saigon to Hong Kong, the Singapore-based de Havilland jet-propelled RAF Vampire fighter plane made a forced landing in Chinese territory yesterday.

An official spokesman for the RAF told the "China Mail" that the plane was undamaged. The pilot, Flight-Lieutenant G. Francis, was not injured.

The Vampire made the forced landing on the Taipung Harbour beach, near the town of Taipung, some 25 miles North East of Kai Tak. Taipung Harbour is in Bias Bay.

Two RAF Sunderland flying-boats, carrying rescue parties, were sent to the area. A British cruiser in Mira Bay was also alerted and is standing by.

The rescue parties are expected to return to Hong Kong today. The demonstration flights by the Vampire planned for today have been postponed.

An official statement on the cause of the forced landing was not available yesterday. One theory is that the plane, descending from a height of 30,000 feet, developed engine trouble as a result of cold air encountered in the descent. This suggestion was, however, dismissed by an RAF spokesman.

The Vampire left Singapore at daybreak yesterday. It refuelled at Saigon and took off on its final hop of 850 miles to Hong Kong—a greater distance than any of those on the Atlantic crossing made by six Vampires in July last.

The plane was due to arrive at Kai Tak at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.



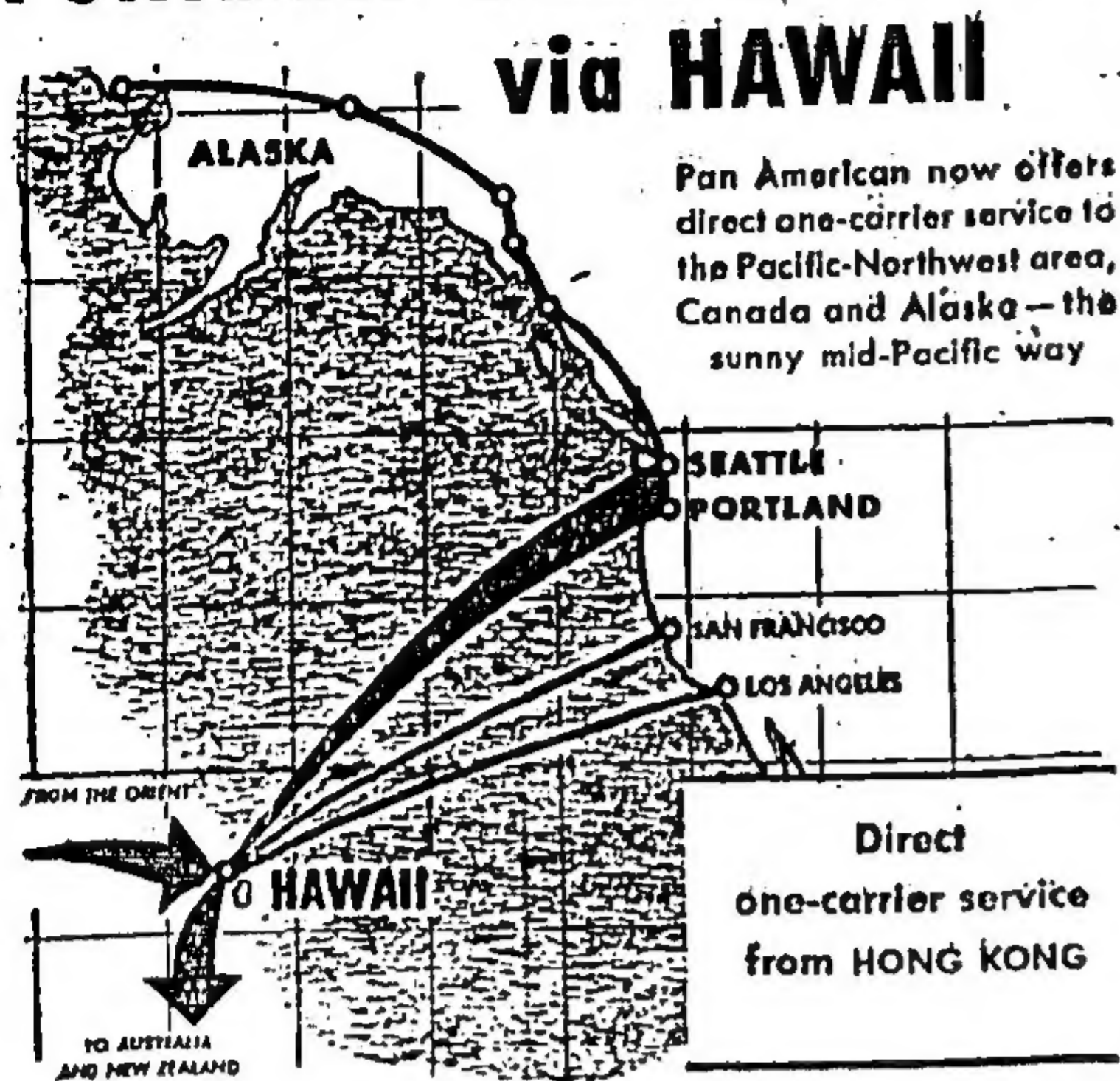
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## Chief Commissioner Asks Public For Full Support

### Chinese Reds' State Of Mind Explained

The prevailing state of mind of the Chinese Communists in conquered territories and their gradual change of heart to win over the population was told to the "China Mail" yesterday by escapees from Red areas who arrived here recently by ship.

Declining public identification for security reasons, some members of their families still remaining in Red cities, the informants said they escaped from the Chinese Communists in Shantung Province, trekking and motoring over miles of difficult terrain before they could eventually reach Nationalist regions. Most of them intend to remain in Hong Kong for the time being. The following is their account of conditions in Red occupied Shantung.

The Chinese Reds have now apparently realised that the sentiment of the people in China today has been deeply aroused by repeated acts of violence against the conquered people and especially against Christianity. They have also become cognizant of the fact that the people can not be won over by harsh measures.

Reluctance on the part of the conquered people to co-operate and to be indoctrinated, and numerous sabotage incidents, have apparently shaken the morale of the Red troops, despite their iron grip on the locality.

### Inadvertent Accidents

Several sabotaged installations have been explained to the people as inadvertent accidents. (The sources, however, would not say whether any saboteurs had been arrested.) Military equipment had been damaged occasionally.

Nationalist officials or high-ranking army personnel are each given a plot of land and told to sow and reap their own food-stuffs. Faced with the alternative of starvation, these former luxury-living people had to accept their new life. The majority of them, however, are carrying on despite the odds facing them.

The Communists are feeling the pinch of taking over new cities which lack highly qualified personnel to do productive work. Many officials with the necessary qualifications and prestige to carry on under Red domination have fled or are in hiding. The conquerors are greatly handicapped in having to start at the beginning, especially with a demoralized and none too co-operative population.

It has become clear as the Reds advance that they have to change their attitude. This is especially noticeable regarding religion. Catholic and Protestant missions in Tsinan, especially, and in other Shantung Province cities have been reluctantly tolerated by the Reds since their occupation and are continuing without molestation. Schools are still carrying on.

Promises of higher social status, monetary rewards and special privileges have been made to encourage the people to remain behind in the face of the Red entry. But fearing reprisals and an uncertain fate, many officials have ignored these promises.

Yang Man-tai was cautioned by Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with exporting two tons of gold without a permit. On the application of R. O. Knox the gold was ordered to be confiscated.

An appeal to the public to give their unstinted support to the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade in Hong Kong, was made by its visiting Chief Commissioner Colonel Sir James Sloan, at Hong Kong Rotary yesterday.

Sir James was the guest of honour and speaker at the Club's weekly luncheon at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

He paid tribute to the fine work of the Brigade's officers and 700 Chinese members who, he said, gave up their spare time and Sundays in order to render voluntary service, without charge, to humanity.

St. John's is not an organisation prepared only for war, said Sir James. It is there to serve humanity in all emergencies, wherever the services of first aid or an ambulance is needed.

"While it is to be hoped that war will never threaten Hong Kong again, it would be unduly optimistic to allow the thought that this also applied to epidemics and the ordinary disasters of peace time," he added.

**Useful In Emergency**  
The fact that the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas supplied the entire voluntary ambulance service in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Burma and Malta during the second world war showed its essential usefulness in grave emergency.

"Never forget that those who serve to give their services voluntarily, and often forfeit their holidays and Sundays to carry out its work, for it is then that accidents are most likely to occur," said Sir James.

The object of St. John is to establish a sufficiency of strength with which to meet any grave emergency which might arise, whether it be earthquake, epidemic, cyclone, riot or shipwreck.

Speaking of the need of more widespread knowledge of first aid and home nursing, which the St. John Ambulance Association taught, Sir James said in the hundreds of hospitals he had visited he had been assured that fully a third of the patients would not have required hospital treatment but for neglected wounds and improper home nursing.

"Not only does a widespread knowledge of first aid save human life, but also much loss of time and money," he pointed out.

**First Of Its Kind**  
Earlier in his talk Sir James gave a history of the Order of St. John. The British Order, was formed in 1831, and from it sprang later the uniformed Brigade which now had a total membership of some 220,000 distributed throughout the Empire. The Brigade was the first organization of its kind to be formed in the world.

Sir James informed his audience that before he left England he had been commanded by Queen Elizabeth, the Commandant-in-Chief of the Nursing Division, and by Queen Mary, the Duke of Gloucester, and Princess Margaret, to convey their greetings and good wishes to Hong Kong.

The speaker was thanked by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. D. W. Macintosh, who recalled the establishment of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Malaya in 1937 and of the splendid work they did during the war.

**Help At Fire**  
Speaking of the efficiency of the St. John Ambulance service, Mr. Macintosh said it was a St. John ambulance which was first on the scene of the recent Wing On Godown fire, and it was St. John which maintained a casualty and first aid station on the scene throughout the time rescue work was going on.

Visiting Rotarians attending the luncheon included President E. C. Cremo and Mr. W. J. Geall of

## Bank Dividend

The Directors of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that out of the profits of the Bank for the year ending December 31, 1948, a final dividend of £3 per share (net after deduction of Hong Kong Corporation Profits Tax) will be paid, leaving a balance of approximately \$4,200,000 to be carried forward. The sum of \$3,000,000 has been written off Bank Premises Account. The accounts are still subject to audit.

## ILLEGAL LOADING

"This is the first case of its kind under the new Ordinance," said Mr. Millington when he prosecuted nine Chinese for loading cargo at a place other than that specified and for attempting to export unmanifested cargo, before Mr. W. A. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The defendants were loading cargo at the Castle Peak Bay Pier. On one junk were found 1,617 lbs of kerosene and 663 bags of salt. The goods were taken to the Government store.

Fung Ching, aged 40, Si Ching-kwan, aged 33, Chan Kee, aged 35, Ho Hon, aged 28, and Lan Lin, aged 31, were cautioned, and the goods were ordered to be confiscated by the magistrate.

The remaining four defendants, Fung Chong, aged 40, Chow Tu, aged 32, Chan So-kun, aged 35, and Po Cho, aged 40, were fined \$1,000 or four months.

All the defendants pleaded that they were new arrivals to the Colony and did not know the regulations.

They were ordered to be deported for 10 years.

## Personalia

Mr. Austin Edwin Jacobs, 179 Boundary Street, and Miss Margaret Madsen, both missionaries, were married at the Registrar's Office yesterday.

The witnesses were Mr. Chan E. Buchanan and Mr. James E. Pankoe.

The following forthcoming weddings were announced:—

Mr. Walter George Hicks, cleric, Government Service, 190D Prince Edward Road, and Miss Margaret Agnes Quirk, 45, Robinson Road.

Mr. Jaime Maria Victor Hugo March, clerk, 180, Prince Edward Road, 2nd floor, and Miss Maria dos Remedios, librarian, 2, Hanol Road.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Miss A. Winthrop, Major and Mrs. S.E. Meur, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury, Miss M.A. Stannard, Messrs. V. Levy, J.T. Chu, R.L. Cornell, and Captain J.H. Watson.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Messrs. W.C. Tien, H.T. Kwong, W.D. Shand, W.J. Bradbury, and A.E. Houseman.

Messrs. Vy Se Keng, Uy Se Hol, G. U. G. Fong Kwong and Lee Wa left Hong Kong yesterday for Manila by CPA.

Arrivals by CPA yesterday from Manila included Messrs. R. Walt, Wong Tau, Dants, Uy, Chan, Ac, Sy Quinlan, and Wong Kong.

Mr. F.K. Partridge left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tsinan.

Mr. D. Morrell left Hong Kong for Amoy yesterday by the ss. Kwelyang.

Departures for Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatian included Mrs. M.A. Groves, Mr. John Rodger, Mr. P. Wm. Jones, Mr. Frank Evison, Mrs. A. Evison, Mrs. J.G. Grogson, Mr. G. Drummond, Rev. A. Baxter, Mr. John Howard, Mrs. F.J. Tod, Mr. W. Ismond, Mr. Lorne A. Sparks, Mr. R.H. Claunder, Rev. Elmer E. Overmyer, Rev. Arthur J. Benson and Mr. Alfred Weiss.

Yiu Fook was discharged by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, on a charge of maliciously damaging a document, the property of Lee Chan-sim at Central Market on January 1. The complainant withdrew the charge, saying that defendant had replaced the document.

## Planned Amendment May Close Inland Revenue Loop-Holes

Amendments to clarify ambiguities and close loop-holes in the Inland Revenue Ordinance of 1947 will come up for their first reading at a Legislative Council meeting today.

Under the amendments, profits made on sub-letting by principal tenants will be liable to tax. They protect an owner of property from an excessive charge to property tax by providing that the tax on him shall be the tax on the rent if any, actually paid to him.

Married women in receipt of income whose husbands are not liable to Salaries and Annuities Tax by reason, for instance, of non-residence, will be assessable as a "femme sole".

The principal ordinance provides that the income of any married woman shall be deemed to be the income of her husband. This loop-hole is to be closed.

The official explanatory note on the objects and reasons for the amendments added that cases have arisen where taxpayers, in partnership having joint interest in their capital as a deduction under section 17 (1) (a) of the principal Ordinance. In order to make it clear that interest on proprietors' capital is not an allowable deduction from profits, clause 6 makes necessary amendment by restricting allowable interest to interest on money borrowed for the purpose of producing the profits.

**Deduction From Profits**  
Section 18 (1) (g) of the principal Ordinance provides that only tax paid or payable under Chapter IV of the Ordinance shall be disallowed as a deduction from profits. This is not the intention, nor is it consistent with the general principle that a tax on profits is an appropriation of those profits and not a deduction therefrom.

Clause 7 provides the necessary amendment, whilst at the same time preserving to the taxpayer the right to deduct from his profits any tax which he may pay on behalf of his employees, such tax being, of course, part of the remuneration of the employee.

Cases have arisen where it has been necessary to apportion income in order to arrive at the profits for one year and where, owing to the requirements in section 19 (7) of the principal Ordinance, the apportionment has had to be made according to the number of days in the respective period despite the fact that the relevant figures do not accord with fact.

For instance, where a person trades at a loss for three months and at a profit for the following 12 months and makes up his account for the full 15 months, an apportionment of the net profit over a basis of days does not show the true profit for the final 12 months. The Commissioner is given some discretion in such cases in order to protect the revenue.

Section 26 of the principal Ordinance has been found in practice to be liable to misunderstanding in that it does not sufficiently define what land or buildings come within its meaning. Clause 8 is designed to clarify the position and the opportunity has been taken to grant to taxpayers the right to carry forward any Property tax paid in excess of Profits Tax liability.

**Considerable Uncertainty**  
In practice it has been found that there is considerable uncertainty as to the rate at which tax should be deductible from dividends. Clause 10 of the Bill is designed to remove such uncertainty by providing that the tax deduction shall be at the rate in force at the time when the dividend is payable. This is in accordance with the practice in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

Doubt has arisen as to whether the interest paid by Government on its various public loans is liable to tax under section 22 of the principal Ordinance. Clause 11 is designed to make clear that such interest is liable.

Sections 35, 36 and 37 of the principal Ordinance were designed to allow the writing off of an industrial building or structure during a period of 50 years from its construction. By the use, however, of the term "year of assessment" in section 37 (3) of the principal Ordinance, it would appear that buildings existing at April 1, 1947, could be written off.

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Chan Chi-kuan, aged 27, unemployed, pleaded guilty to the charge of being keeper of a den at 19 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor.

He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and the four smokers were each fined \$100 or 20 days.

For keeping a den at the basement of 223 Queen's Road West, Ho Man was sent to serve six months. Three smokers arrested in the den were fined each \$100 or 20 days.

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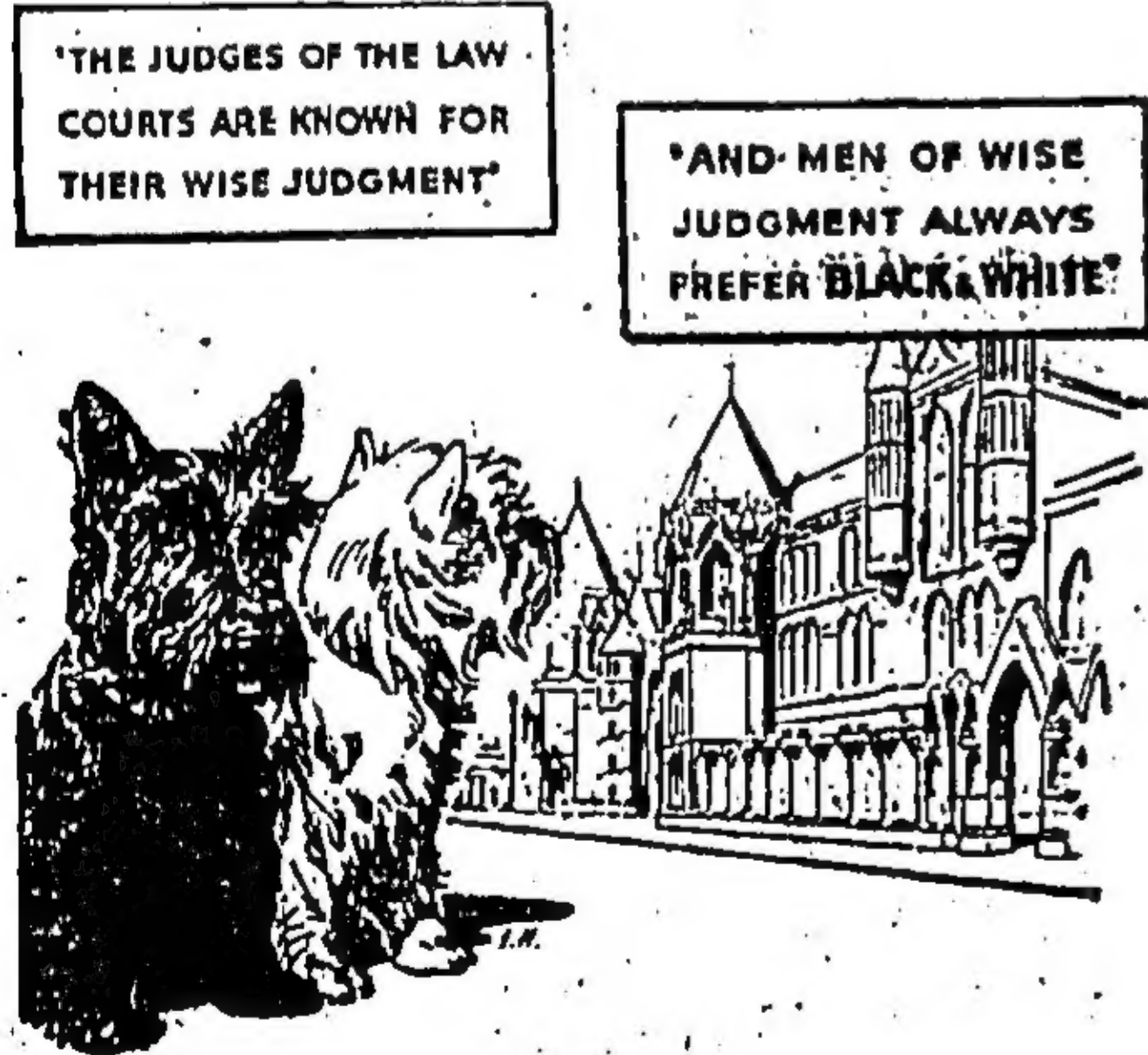
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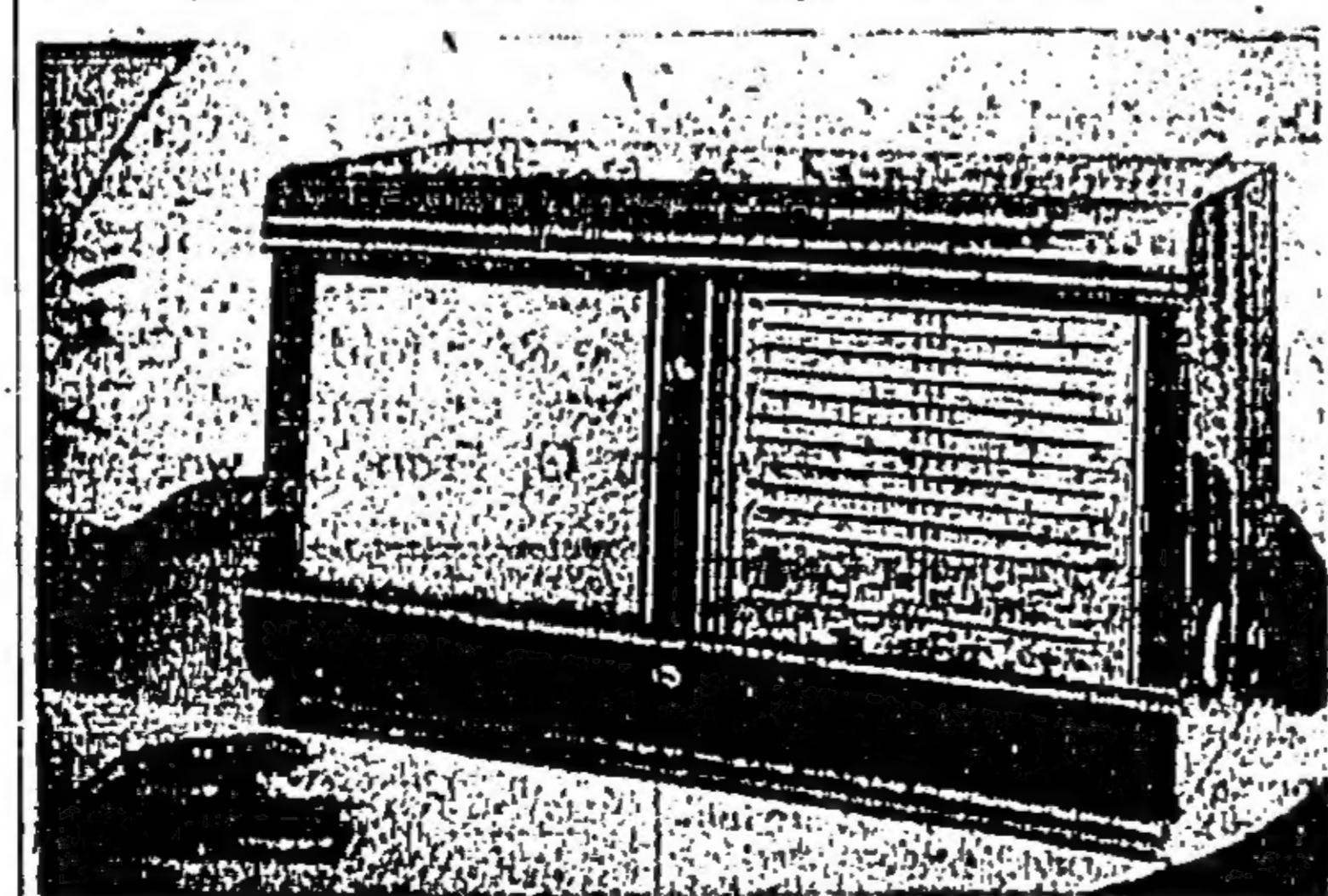
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## DEFENDANT TESTIFIES DURING PWD TRIAL

A suggestion that he was supplying false bills to people and making false entries in his account book was denied by a Crown witness, Lam Yam, master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, of 7 Mercer Street, during the PWD larceny trial yesterday.

Witness admitted making out bills in his own name to Kwok Kwong and making such entries accordingly in his book for the sake of helping out a friend.

Lam was giving evidence at the trial in which Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grade I electrical inspector, both of the Public Works Department, are charged with 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

The first witness yesterday was O. Julebin, who was cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton, counsel for Spary.

### Resigned Position

Julebin, former clerk of the CPA field office at Kai Tak, said that he worked for the CPA for 20 months, after which he resigned. Replying to a query, he stated that there was no reason for the CPA dismissing him, but that he resigned because of better salary elsewhere.

With regard to the telephone conversation which Harris, witness' former superior, had with Spary, Mr. D'Alton asked witness where this took place. Witness replied that it took place at his office and that he was present at the time.

This conversation took place in an adjoining room, Julebin said. He added that the door was open

and witness could see Harris at the phone although he could not hear him.

Re-examined by Crown Counsel, Julebin said that there was an interval during the telephone conversation in which he saw Harris put down the phone and go through some papers.

In reply to a question put forward by the jury, witness said he did not remember seeing Kwok Kwong in the CPA office, but that he was quite sure of seeing him somewhere.

The next witness was Lam Yam, of the Cheong Hing shop, who, under cross-examination by Mr. Chen, counsel for Kwok Kwong, said he never was in the PWD before.

Witness stated that he established his firm 23 years ago, four years after he arrived in the Colony from a farm in China. Immediately after his arrival, he continued, he secured a position as apprentice at an electrical contractor's firm. He established his own business after he received capital in the form of subscriptions from some of his native villagers.

Counsel then asked witness whether his firm had always been at the same address, to which witness replied that they had changed several times and that the present one was at 7 Mercer Street.

Asked if he could understand English, Lam said he could not. When a job was to be done at a European person's place, witness stated, he would bring along his clerk to do the interpreting.

Mr. Chen asked witness whether he knew any of the PWD men at Lung Hom. Lam replied that with the exception of Kwok Kwong, Tong Chuen and Lung Chuen, he did not know any one there.

Mr. Chen: You do not think it healthy to know.

Witness: No that is not so. I am telling you the fact.

Do you know that the PWD had 400 electricians?—No.

Do you know that these were recruited from outside electrical shops?—No.

I put it to you that you not only know Kwok Kwong, Tong Chuen and Lung Chuen but you make it your business to know these people in the PWD like Au Pul, Ko Lin and the others?—That is not correct.

I put it to you that you were friendly with many of the PWD men mentioned, and that you knew them perfectly well?—No.

Witness further disclosed that there was a guild for electricians in Hong Kong and that he was a member. He stated he did not know however, whether there were any PWD electricians belonging to the guild or not, the reason being that he had never been to the guild himself before.

Mr. Chen: Do you know what sort of reputation you have among your competitors?

Witness: No, I do not know.

Do you know that they do not like your methods of business?—I do not know.

### Ill Repute

Do you know that you bring ill repute to the guild by your business methods?—I do not know.

Do you know that you sell your goods at uneconomical prices?—My business is mainly for doing electrical jobs, and I seldom sell materials.

Witness further stated that he was a member of the Electrical Merchants Guild, and that later on he was also persuaded to join the Workers' Guild.

Mr. Chen: You are an honest man?

Witness: Yes.

Do you think that a false entry in your books is honest or dishonest?—I am honest.

Are you honest because you supplied these goods as in the bill?—I did not supply those goods.

But the bills indicate that you supplied them?—I was only making out these bills on behalf of Kwok Kwong.

You were committing a fraud?—No.

Do you know it is a fraud to make a false entry into a book?—I did not know that by doing so it is a fraud.

If what is alleged about Kwok Kwong is true, then do you realise that

you are an accomplice?—He told me he was doing proper business. I am not an accomplice.

Asked whether the police made any threat to prosecute him, witness replied in the negative and added that he was merely sent for to make a statement.

Mr. Chen: Apart from false entries in your book, have you any bona fide entries?

Witness: With the exception of this one, all the entries are bona fide.

### Roaring Business

I put it to you that you do a roaring business supplying fake bills to people?—No.

I put it to you that you get a commission for that?—No.

I put it to you that you gave these bills for the Cathay Pacific Airways job to Au Pul, not to Kwok Kwong?—No. That is not correct.

Witness further denied that the bill for the KBGC was handed to Ko Ling and that the one for the Cecilia Beauty Salon job was given to Kam Wing.

Mr. Chen: You were lying when you said you gave all these bills to Kwok Kwong?

Witness: That is no lie.

Lam disclosed that at all the occasions Kwok Kwong phoned him up and asked him to have tea with him at the Sheung Shan tea house.

Witness went on to say that it was about 6 p.m. when he went into the tea house and found Kwok Kwong waiting for him. Witness, it is alleged, was given a draft paper and was asked to make out a bill.

Witness said he told Kwok Kwong he could not do that, whereupon Kwok Kwong alleged to have told witness to merely make an entry into the book. Witness said he was then persuaded to do it.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton, Lam stated that he had 20 employees in his shop as permanent electricians. He had some extra hands to do some jobs, he added.

Mr. D'Alton: When you have to undertake a job without the materials in stock, what do you do?

Witness: I have to buy the materials from other shops in the same line.

Do you agree that you pay tax with the results of your books?—Yes.

And you expect the Court to believe that you are going to pay tax for business that you never did?—Kwok Kwong promised to repay me the tax expenses.

I put it to you that it would be quite sufficient if you merely entered up these bills without putting "paid."—If this was found by the Inland Revenue, the book would not be found to be correct.

After cross-examination had been completed, Mr. Justice Baynolds suggested that since the PWD trial would continue for some time, the Court should have one afternoon off this week and two next week to give the members of the jury a chance to manage their own business. Crown Counsel and the defence agreed upon this, after which Leung Fung-ching, clerk of the Cheong Hing firm, went into the witness-box to be cross-examined by the defence.

After Lung Chuen, another electrical workman, had finished giving evidence, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

### SENTENCED FOR KEEPING BROTHEL

Three women came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on separate charges of keeping a brothel.

Fung Chun, pleading guilty to being a brothel keeper at an unnumbered hut on the roof of a building in Thompson Road, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Wong Tin, aged 33, received three months for keeping a brothel at an unnumbered hut in Amoy Street.

A similar sentence was imposed on Chan Sze, aged 32, for operating a brothel at 41 Lower Lascar Road, North Point. In this case she was served to the landlord.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

## Teen Age Boswell To Meet HK Youths

"Around the World meeting teen agers" is the programme for Betty Betz, the Boswell of the Bobby Soxers, who is flying around the world via Pan American Airways Clipper.

Miss Betz will arrive in the Colony on January 18 and will be met at the Kai Tak Airport by a representative group of Teen Agers.

A small ice cream and soft drinks party will be provided upon her arrival, and interviews will be exchanged between the local Bobby Soxers and Miss Betz. It is expected that other parties will follow during her brief visit to Hong Kong.

Miss Betz will depart for Manila via Pan American Airways Clipper on January 24.

In addition to her public type-writing and drawing, Miss Betz is a popular author-columist, is taking along party kits to each country as a gift from the Camp Fire Girls of America.

## New Authority For Police

The Merchant Shipping Ordinance is to be amended to provide among other things authority for police launches to fire at vessels which refuse to stop at sea when lawfully ordered to do so.

A Bill to amend the Ordinance will be read for the first time today at a Legislative Council meeting.

The Bill clarifies the definition of "motor-boat" and amends the definition of "ship" to distinguish between "junks and merchant ships."

One amendment ensures proper salvage of wrecks in the harbour. It requires security to guard against abandonment of salvage operations after commencement of such operations.

## Law On Movements

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(b) a valid Entry Permit, Certificate of Residence or Frontier Pass issued under this Ordinance;

Provided that the Immigration Officer may waive the requirements of this section in respect of a child under the age of 10 years or a person or class of person.

The possession of valid travel documents shall not be deemed to imply that the holder will be permitted to enter as of right nor, if he is permitted to enter, that he will be permitted to remain; nor shall it serve as an excuse for disobedience of any order of removal, deportation, expulsion or banishment made under any enactment for the time being in force.

The holder of valid travel documents, which bear a transit visa only, shall not remain in the Colony longer than is reasonably necessary to enable him to transship or to find other means by which to proceed to his destination; and if the visa is for direct transit, he shall proceed by the most direct and speedy means.

Provided that the Immigration Officer may, for any reason which he shall deem sufficient, grant an extension.

### Discretion

The Immigration Officer shall, at all times, have discretion to limit the stay of any immigrant entering the Colony.

Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision in the Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence for which no penalty is expressly provided shall be liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a fine not exceeding HK\$2,000 and to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

The Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance for:

(a) defining the powers and duties of Deputy Immigration Officers and Immigration Control Officers;

(b) providing immigrants leaving the Colony with travel documents and providing immigrants entering the Colony with Entry Permits, Certificates of Residence or Frontier Passes;

(c) appointing places of detention and providing for their regulation and management;

(d) prescribing an immigration examination signal;

(e) providing for the furnishing of particulars, returns and statistics for the purposes of this Ordinance to the Registrar of Aliens and to the Commissioner of Police;

(f) exempting any person or class of person either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as may be specified from complying with all or any of the provisions of this Ordinance;

(g) prescribing forms and fees; and

(h) generally to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

The new Ordinance shall come into force by proclamation by the Governor in the Gazette. The Immigration Control Ordinance of 1946 and the Registration of Persons Ordinance of 1939 and any Ordinance amending them are repealed.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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### Divided We Fall!

Sir,—While there may or may not be a case for the taxidriver's demands in the present strike situation one fact emerges clearly from the whole sorry business, and that is that the "right to strike" in Hong Kong, unless exercised by a very powerful union whose activities are connected with an absolute public essential or contribute to the income of a powerful vested group, is a mere mockery.

The reason for this is plain. China over the way provides an inexhaustible reservoir of almost any category of labourer ready and eager to seek employment locally, and management whose methods have led to a strike can always save themselves and starve the strikers into ignominious surrender by making use of the outsiders and local unemployed readily available.

In the face of this the only weapon which might avail the strikers to ensure that their grievances, if actual, were redressed—i.e. getting other unions to strike in sympathy until the public were compelled to take notice and force Government to do something—has been rendered by some obsolete Ordinance, riddled through a long time ago.

While there is a lot to be said for an "anti-sympathy-strike" ordinance in a country where compulsory arbitration can be forced on both employers and employees, such an ordinance becomes a monstrosity of injustice when no such recourse is obtainable by wronged workers. They are left completely under the management's thumbs, whatever high-sounding discussions are held with them. Further, in the case of compulsory arbitration being introduced, especially in this Colony, the only impartial arbitrator possible, would be a Supreme Court Judge—who might be flanked by a nominee of each group, making a tribunal of three to try the case.

If Government is not sufficiently farsighted to introduce such a compulsory arbitration court to hear these disputes, the workers still have a remedy. They might well discard their small helpless unions and all combine into one large Transport and General Workers' Union, with different subsections. This body would be much stronger financially and better able to cope.

H.K.T.U.C.

(This is not exactly correct. The Ordinance of 1927 was repealed last year.—Ed.)

**Give Us Action**

Sir,—Now that Father Ryan, whom I had the pleasure of meeting in Chungking, and Brigadier Waller, who is an old friend of mine from Shanghai, have added their voices to those of other persons, including myself, who feel that the privileges of citizenship are being denied to the Chinese in this Colony, perhaps our "deaf and dumb" friends in gubernatorial circles will become as articulate as their critics and start not talking—but acting! Not all civil servants are "50 years behind the times" and there is hope for us wage-earners in Hong Kong yet if some of our progressive elements in the Government are given their chance. Anyway, Father Ryan's and Brigadier Waller's words should have caused some furious thinking up there on the hill. And, if we cross our fingers, we might see something. Or is that too much to hope for?

For instance, we might see some badly-needed legislation to, as "Sphinx" suggests in the China Mail, make illegal all forms of "key" money and the various housing scandals now flourishing openly in this "bastion of Western Democracy in the East." Or will "private enterprise" be encouraged to refuse to build any more houses or apartment buildings? If they do, then the Government has the answer—start housing schemes themselves!

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RALPH SHAW.

### Two Birds With One Stone

Sir,—Having had one or two to fire my imagination, the thought occurs to me that we might well kill two birds with one stone by combining the requirements of public security with those of public sanity. Sorry, I mean sanitation!

Being naturally hesitant to rush into print, I have nursed my brainchild awhile, but I now feel that what with Municipal Councils coming up, and civic responsibility being on the upsurge, as it were, there is no point in hiding my light under a bushel any further—especially as I intend to join those two other gentlemen who intend to gallop around the bins in search of a Mayor's nest. So here goes.

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The local boys called upon to man these stupendous projects, even if still at that far future time "voteless volunteers" would at least feel that they did have something of their very own to light for—something at last erected by Government "with local boys" for "local boys"—even if for a start it were only a long-awaited public latrine! HOWZAT?

Right Team, Wrong Name

Sir,—References "Aloydes" article in today's China Mail, my interpretation of the attached paragraph is that he refers to Sheffield Wednesday as the "Trotters." As a native of Sheffield and a fervent supporter of the Wednesday may I beg to point out that this is not true.

I have in fact never heard this name in connection with them at any time before. They did, in 1825-26 have a player by the name of Jimmy Trotter (now, I believe, trainer to Charlton) who in that season was the leading goal scorer of the 2nd division—maybe your error has a basis in that. However, the Wednesday's correct designation should be the "Owls"—a derivation from the locally their ground at Owlerton (more widely known as Hillsboro).

As a point of interest, the name by which they were known many years ago belongs now to their rivals Sheffield United—the "Blades." The United at that time being called the "Cutlers." OWLITE

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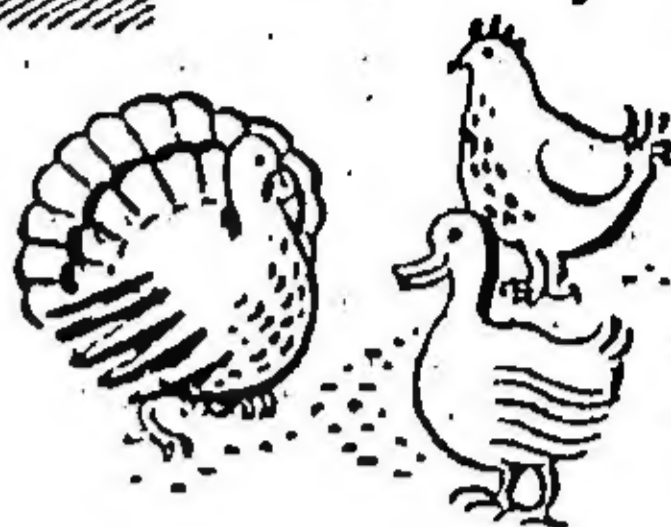
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## THE HONG KONG COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1932

ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES, LIMITED  
NOTICE OF STATUTORY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Statutory Meeting of Associated Properties, Limited, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Jacobson Room, Pedder Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong on Thursday, January 27, 1949 at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering the Statutory Report and of conducting all other business which ought to be conducted at such Statutory Meeting.

By order of the Board,

ATLAS REALTY, LIMITED,

General Managers.

Dated January 12, 1949.

## ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES, LIMITED

And, Notice is hereby given that immediately after the conclusion of the Statutory Meeting, an Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Jacobson Room, Pedder Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of Electing two Directors to serve during the current year 1949 in accordance with Article 74 (a) of the Company's Articles.

By order of the Board,

ATLAS REALTY, LIMITED,

General Managers.

Dated January 12, 1949.

## UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., Litt.D., will deliver a series of two public lectures on "Local Government" on Friday and Wednesday, January 14 and 19, 1949, in the "Salon Laus de Camoes" of the Club Lusitano, Lee House, Street at 6 p.m. on each day.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Mr. W. J. Carr will take the Chair on the respective dates.

Dr. Dobson will also deliver two lectures at the University:

"Archaeology and Archaeological Method" on Monday, January 17, 1949, in the Fung Ping Shan Library, at 5 p.m.

"The Bronze Age in Asia and Europe" (illustrated by film strips) on Tuesday, January 18, 1949, in the Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, at 5 p.m.

Mr. G. B. Endacott will take the Chair at the two University Lectures.

Members of the public who wish to attend are welcome.

B. MELLOR,  
Registrar.

January 5, 1949.

## NOTICE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Matriculation Examination May/June 1949

Candidates are reminded that all entries for the above examination must be in the Registrar's hands by Wednesday, February 2, 1949.

B. MELLOR,  
Registrar.

January 10, 1949.

## NOTICE MARINE DEPARTMENT

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the scrap steel belonging to the Hong Kong Government, said to be approximately 2,000 tons, where and as it lies in, or immediately adjacent to, You Tong Bay.

Tenders which should be sealed and in triplicate should be submitted to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat before noon on Thursday, January 20, 1949.

The successful tenderer will be required to remove the scrap within a period of 8 (eight) months from the date of acceptance and to deposit with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$10,000 which sum shall be forfeited if the scrap should not be entirely removed within the stated period.

The purchase money is to be paid in full within 48 hours of being notified of the acceptance of the tender.

The Hong Kong Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,  
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,  
Hong Kong, January 7, 1949.

## NOTICE

It is possible that certain persons may represent themselves to be employees of the Sanitary Department and attempt to collect sums of money as Chinese New Year gratuities in respect of services rendered for scavenging, house-cleaning, rat-catching, etc.

Members of the public are hereby notified that no employees of the Urban Council or Sanitary Department is authorized to request, demand or receive any monies whatsoever, and are advised that, should any person make any such request, or demand, he should be detained and a Police Officer called or a telephonic report made to the nearest Police Station.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,  
Secretary, Urban Council.

January 10, 1949.

## LAMMERT BROS.

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## Dairy Farm Hearing

Heated exchange between counsel marked the opening of the second hearing of the Dairy Farm cattle meal larceny case, before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant is Yiu Ping, charged with larceny of 10 cwt. of cattle meal valued at \$20, from the Dairy Farm in December last year.

Yiu is being defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva. The Dairy Farm, represented by Mr. P.A.L. Vine, is the complainant. The argument took root during the first hearing when Mr. Vine proceeded with his first witness without first opening his case, to which Mr. da Silva objected, saying that his client had title to know the case against him.

In the first hearing, Lai, cross-examined by Mr. da Silva, said that he had previously denied any knowledge of Yiu Ping's alleged theft until Cheuk Tam-sing, the number one in the team, had approached him saying that the master would have him arrested if he (Lai) did not give evidence.

Mr. da Silva: Unless you agreed to be a witness, Cheuk said that the master would have you arrested.

Lai: Yes.

Only on that did you agree to come to court to give evidence?

Yes.

When you were brought to the master what did he say?—He asked if I took part in the theft and I said no.

Mr. da Silva said: I put it to you that Cheuk frightened you and forced you to come to court to give false evidence against Yiu Ping. Did you know that Cheuk was very anxious to get Yiu Ping (defendant) from the chairmanship of the Workers' Union?—I do not know.

Re-examined by Mr. Vine, witness said that he did not wish to come to give evidence and that he did not know how his being called a witness would affect his relationship with his colleagues.

Further hearing was then adjourned to February 6, at noon.

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. H. Dreyer and Mr. B. R. Rasmussen ceased to have any connection with this company as from 1st January and their powers of attorney have been revoked.

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## NOTICE

## MOBILE COLUMN H.K.V.D.C.

It is proposed to hold a Re-union Dinner at the China Fleet Club on January 27, 1949.

Will all past and present members wishing to attend, please communicate with the undersigned c/o Sergeants Mess H.K.V.D.C.

A. I. CASH.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all child etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In this capitalistic country, always the masses are downtrodden! You notice mostly the wealthy comrades are subpoenaed by the investigating committee!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

WITH A NEW PARTNER

THERE ARE STILL considerable variations in the ways that different players use opening bids of 1-No Trump and the responses to them. The late version of the Culbertson system, as expounded by Ely Culbertson, makes a response in two of a suit an absolute force for one round; if the first bidder has nothing else to say after it, he must, willy nilly, bid 2-No Trumps. Other players, especially those whose opening No Trump bids are very strong, expect a partner to answer with three of a suit unless his hand is almost worthless. If you have doubts about some new partner's methods, it is safer to start with a suit bid, favouring 1-Club usually, since responses to suit openings are more nearly standardised.

Everybody reached a game in either Spades or No Trumps except at the No. 1 table, and all who bid other game made it by playing spades correctly, leading the Q toward the A when the 10 and 9 are held, so that they lost only a single trick in that suit. North at Table 1 was a user of the No Trump system, who expected his partner with anything as good as one high card trick and a five-card suit, or one such trick plus any secondary honour, to indicate enough strength for a game opposite his big hand by means of a jump to three in No Trumps if he had a minor suit, or to three of his suit if it be a major. When South answered with a mere 2-Spades, North decided South's hand was worthless and passed, thereby letting a nice game go glimmering.

The smart boy with a new partner was the fellow at Table 3, who opened with 1-Club, then jumped into 2-No Trumps after his partner's spade response. No misunderstanding there.

Tomorrow's Problem

SAKJ  
HQ 10 7 6  
D 5  
CAJ 10 8 3  
S 5 3  
HAKJ 4  
W E H 3 8 2  
DAQ 10 7  
C 7 8 5  
S Q 10 8 7 0 4  
H 5  
DKJ 0 3  
C Q

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

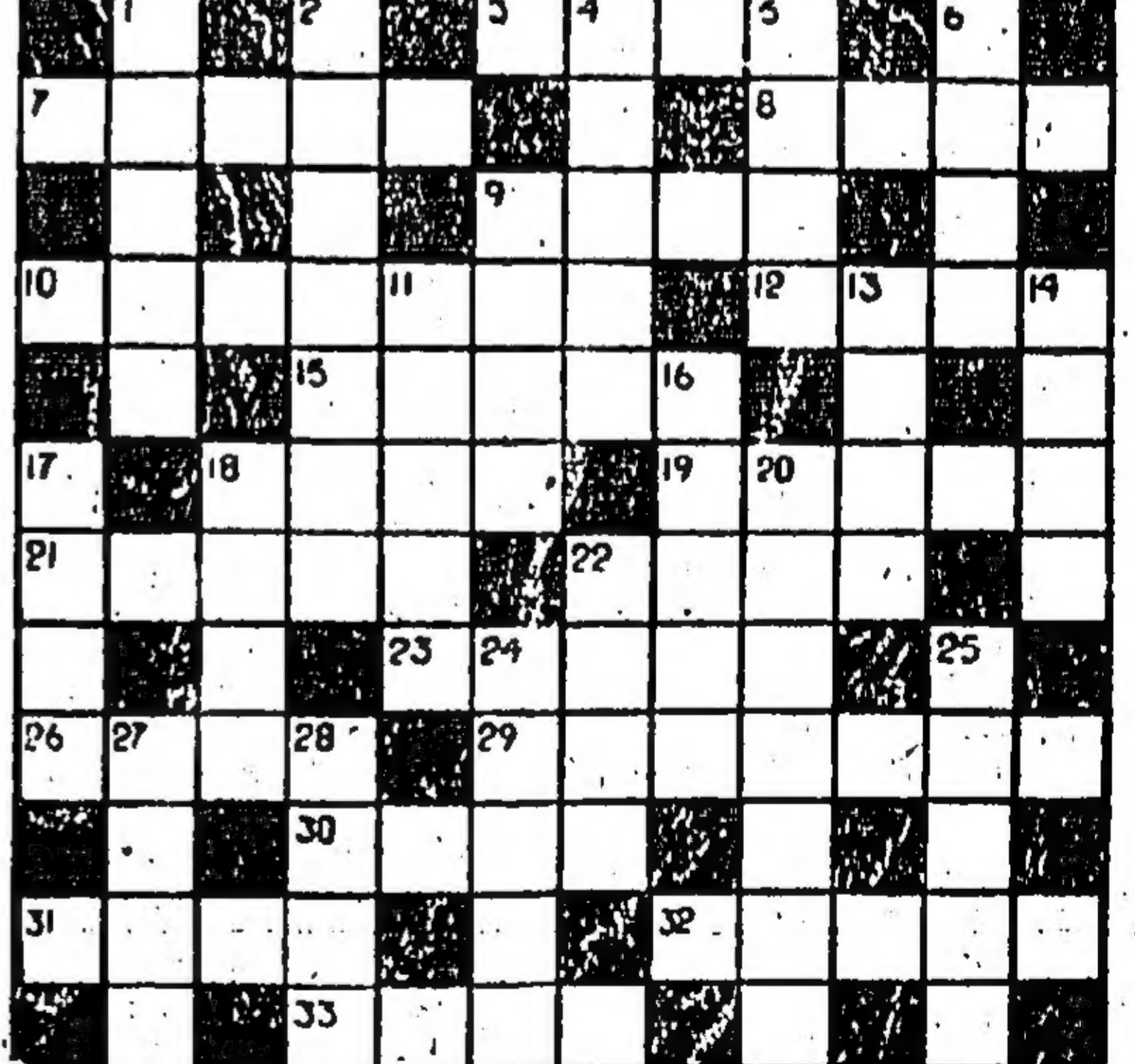
1. Pass 1 NT Pass 2 S  
2. Pass 1 NT Pass 2 S  
3. Pass 3 NT Pass 1 S  
Pass 1 C Pass 1 S  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 S  
Pass 4 S

Talk about variety. This deal was bid all sorts of ways at the various tables of a duplicate.

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

What simple principle of defence should guide West after he doubles South's 6-Spades?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 3 Crowd.
- 7 Lust.
- 8 Eager.
- 9 Monarch.
- 10 Threatens.
- 12 Pace.
- 15 Deceives.
- 18 Saucy.
- 19 Dorem.
- 21 Commerce.
- 22 Comfortable.
- 23 Truck.
- 26 Ditch.
- 29 Mundane.
- 30 Bring up.
- 31 Bill of fare.
- 32 Feature.
- 33 Level.

Down

- 1 Coal worker.
- 2 Marched.
- 4 Get up.
- 5 Droops.
- 6 Book.
- 9 Retained.
- 11 Heals.
- 13 Flavour.
- 14 Brace.
- 16 Title.
- 17 Check.
- 18 Kind of rubber.
- 20 Nourish.
- 22 Rise into the air.
- 24 Freedom.
- 25 From air.
- 26 Obvious.
- 27 Overt.
- 28 Loyal.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Afraid, 7 Idol, 9 Ail, 10 Molar, 11 Area, 13 Demure, 15 Dilatant, 16 Core, 18 Dared, 12 Apart, 13 Dark, 14 Endorsed, 17 Teign, 18 Status, 20 Nerve, 21 Elund,

# CHANGED STRATEGIC SITUATION IN ASIA

## Russian Plans In Far East

Danville, Illinois, January 11.

The coming collapse of China will be the end of the first phase of Soviet imperialism in the Far East.

This is according to Mr. Richard L. Deverell, former chief of labor education in occupied Japan.

Mr. Deverell told a Catholic forum group here yesterday. "With China on the verge of collapse, the American people apparently do not realize that it is the end of a long chain of Soviet aggression in the Far East."

"Following Yalta, the Soviet has taken and retained control of Port Arthur, Dairen, Manchuria, Outer Mongolia and North Korea."

"When China collapses, our problems in the Far East will become enormous. Japan alone, it is estimated, will then cost the American taxpayer \$500,000,000 per year."

"Decisive aid and a sweeping social reform programme is needed if China is to survive."

"Expressions of sympathy for the Nationalist Government seem rightfully muted in the face of continued Soviet Far East aggression," United Press.

## BANK'S ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT

Washington, January 10.

The Chairman of the International Bank, Mr. J. J. McCloy, said he feels that the Bank can do more in development work in India, the Middle East and all parts of Africa than at present.

Mr. McCloy stressed the need for the Bank to provide greater help to countries which may call for bank financing.

Beyond the most elementary outline of their needs, many countries cannot provide the technical documentation, based on engineering, statistical, and marketing studies, necessary to make a proposal a "bankable project" worthy of the bank's attention.

Many development programmes will probably prove well justified if properly prepared and he is convinced, he said, that the Bank should give the necessary assistance to remove from the realm of complete uncertainty some proposals it had received.

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Tokyo, January 10.

The changed strategic situation in Asia caused by the Chinese Communist conquests necessitates reconsideration of Anglo-American defence plans in this part of the world.

Reconsideration of the political plans of non-Communist nations will also have to be made.

This view is widely held by Allied leaders in most non-Communist areas of Asia. That there is need for speed is considered by most to be obvious.

Equally, it is held that the United States should assume the leadership of the Western Pacific Ocean.

Possibly indicative of the feeling among some of the non-Communist nations that Washington thus far has not been able to decide precisely what the American people wish to do about the Far East, observers here are emphasizing the importance of the impending conference of Asiatic nations in New Delhi to discuss the Dutch Indonesian quarrel and other political developments, and persistent reports from London that a conference of British nations may be held in Colombo or elsewhere to consider a united front of British Commonwealth countries with regard to the Communist threat.

Cannot Wait

The inference is that the non-Communist Asiatic nations led by India and the British Commonwealth group, feel they cannot wait longer for Washington to do something to meet the gathering storm in this part of the world and that they had better start strengthening their defences as best they can, independently of the United States.

Some observers hope the resignation of Mr. George Marshall as Secretary of State will be followed by a clear cut American policy which will enable the Allies and potential allies of the United States to know where they stand with regard to Russian-inspired Communist aggression such as the disturbances in Malaya and Burma.

These observers believe it is utterly unrealistic and eventually will be impossible to do nothing about the problem of stemming Communism in Asia pending completion of the half-Communist campaign in Europe.

They generally agree with General MacArthur's contention that the problem of Communist aggression is a global one and can be met only by a co-ordinated global effort of the non-Communist Powers. They assert that any plan which envisages concentrating all American effort in Europe and adopting a temporary do nothing policy in Asia is playing into the hands of the Russians.

Russian Threat

It already has enabled the Russians to gain control of Manchuria—one of the key strategic areas of the world—and threatens to enable them to gain control of the entire Asiatic mainland.

It opens the way for eventual domination of all Asia and possible domination of the adjacent island areas such as Japan.

It is contended that the United Nations thus far has not been able to demonstrate its effectiveness as an agent of peace in this part of the world. They point to the present Dutch punitive action against the Indonesian Republic as proof of this fact.

Holland is an essential member of the non-Communist group of nations yet it has embarrassed that group and brought about the gravest internal dissension among members of the group by its action against the Indonesians.

Had there been the needed political co-operation among all nations interested in Asia, it was pointed out, some method surely could have been found to prevent the latest phase of conflict in the Indonesian area.

Lack Of Unity

As things now stand, lack of unity among the non-Communist nations has been made painfully apparent by India's action in summoning the New Delhi conference.

## Mercury Hits 125 At Cape

Johannesburg, January 10.

The highest temperature ever recorded in South Africa was equalled yesterday in the current heat wave when 125 degrees Fahrenheit (52 degrees Centigrade) were registered near Uplington in Cape Province.

The previous 125 degree Fahrenheit had been registered at Main in the Transkei (native territory) in Cape Province in 1903.—Reuter.

## May Reveal Atom Secret

Rochester, New York, January 11.

Mesons, the short-lived particles which may hold the secret of the atom's nucleus, have been produced in the University of Rochester's cyclotron.

Dr. Sidney W. Barnes, project director, said the mesons were obtained when a small piece of carbon was bombarded with a beam of protons for two minutes in the 360,000,000-volt cyclotron.

The mesons were trapped on sensitive photographic plates especially made by Eastman Kodak Company for nuclear research.

Methods exist for only two-thirds of a second or less, Dr. Barnes explained. Study of them, it is hoped, will lead to better understanding of nuclear processes.—United Press.

## INDIA AND EIRE

New Delhi, January 10.

India and Eire are to open diplomatic relations and exchange diplomatic representatives.

A communiqué states: "To maintain friendly relations already existing between them, the Government of India and the Government of Eire have agreed to exchange diplomatic missions."—United Press.

## Film Star Guilty On Drug Charge

Hollywood, January 10.

The actor, Robert Mitchum, and two co-defendants were found guilty today of conspiracy to possess marijuana and ordered to appear for sentence on February 9.

The defence rested without presenting evidence immediately after the prosecution had finished reading a transcript of testimony given before the Grand Jury.

Lili Leeks, actress, and Robin Ford, real estate agent, were found guilty with Mitchum in the brief, non-jury trial.

The dancer, Vickie Evans, had been declared forfeit after she wired from New York that she did not have enough money to travel to Hollywood for trial.

When the trio appears for the probation hearing and sentence next month, a second count charging them with possession of marijuana also will be disposed of.

Minimum sentence possible on each count is 90 days in jail.

A yelling crowd greeted Mitchum as he walked from the courtroom, and most of the spectators tried to crowd into the elevator he entered.

The operator had to shove them out before he could start. Mitchum declined to comment on the judge's ruling. Miss Leeks left the courtroom almost unnoticed a few minutes before Mitchum.—United Press.

## EISENHOWER HAS NOTHING TO SAY

New York, January 10.

Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Army leader and now President of Columbia University, today responded with "no comment" to a rumour that he has been mentioned as the potential administrator of the Kashmiri plebiscite.—United Press.

# GENERAL XUAN'S PEACE MISSION TO BAO DAI

Cannes, January 10.

Conversations between General Nguyen van Xuan, head of the Provisional Central Government of Vietnam, and ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, ended today at the Chateau de Thoronc, Bao Dai's Riviera residence.

General Xuan announced he is leaving for Paris for important talks with Paul Coste-Floret, French Minister for Overseas Territories, and Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China.

General Xuan said in an interview that the return of former Emperor Bao Dai to his throne is the ardent wish of all the population of Viet Nam.

General Xuan, who arrived last week from Indo-China as a week-end guest of Bao Dai, who is now resident in this Riviera resort, was interviewed in a large marble room of Chateau Thoronc, present home of the former Emperor.

General Xuan told reporters: "Before I left Indo-China I had extensive interviews with the heads of all Viet Nam political, philosophical and religious groups. All assured me of their homage and fidelity to the Emperor."

General Xuan said the ex-Emperor's return to his throne, however, is evidently subordinate to the satisfactory attainment of Viet Nam aspirations from the French Government. He declined his talks with Bao Dai as extremely cordial.

Peace Mission

Terminating his trip to France a peace mission, General Xuan said the bloody fratricidal war in Indo-China has been going on too long.

He is here to try to find the best solution for peace, he said. He said he will renew his talks with M. Coste-Floret, Overseas Minister, on his return to Paris.

Asked what had become of the Communist leader, Ho Chi-minh, General Xuan said he had no idea.

"Nobody knows where he is. So far as I know he is never even heard over the Communist radio."—Reuter and United Press.

"RADAR FENCE" FOR AMERICA?

Washington, January 10.

Prompt Congressional action was promised today on an Air Force proposal to build a radar fence around the country.

Representative Carl Vinson said he will call up for early consideration his bill to authorize the building of a radar warning system. Mr. Vinson will be chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The Air Force Secretary, Mr. W. Stuart Symington, said in his first annual report, released yesterday, that lack of a radar system leaves a big loophole in the nation's defenses. An adequate system, to be built over a five-year period, will cost an estimated \$550,000,000.—United Press.

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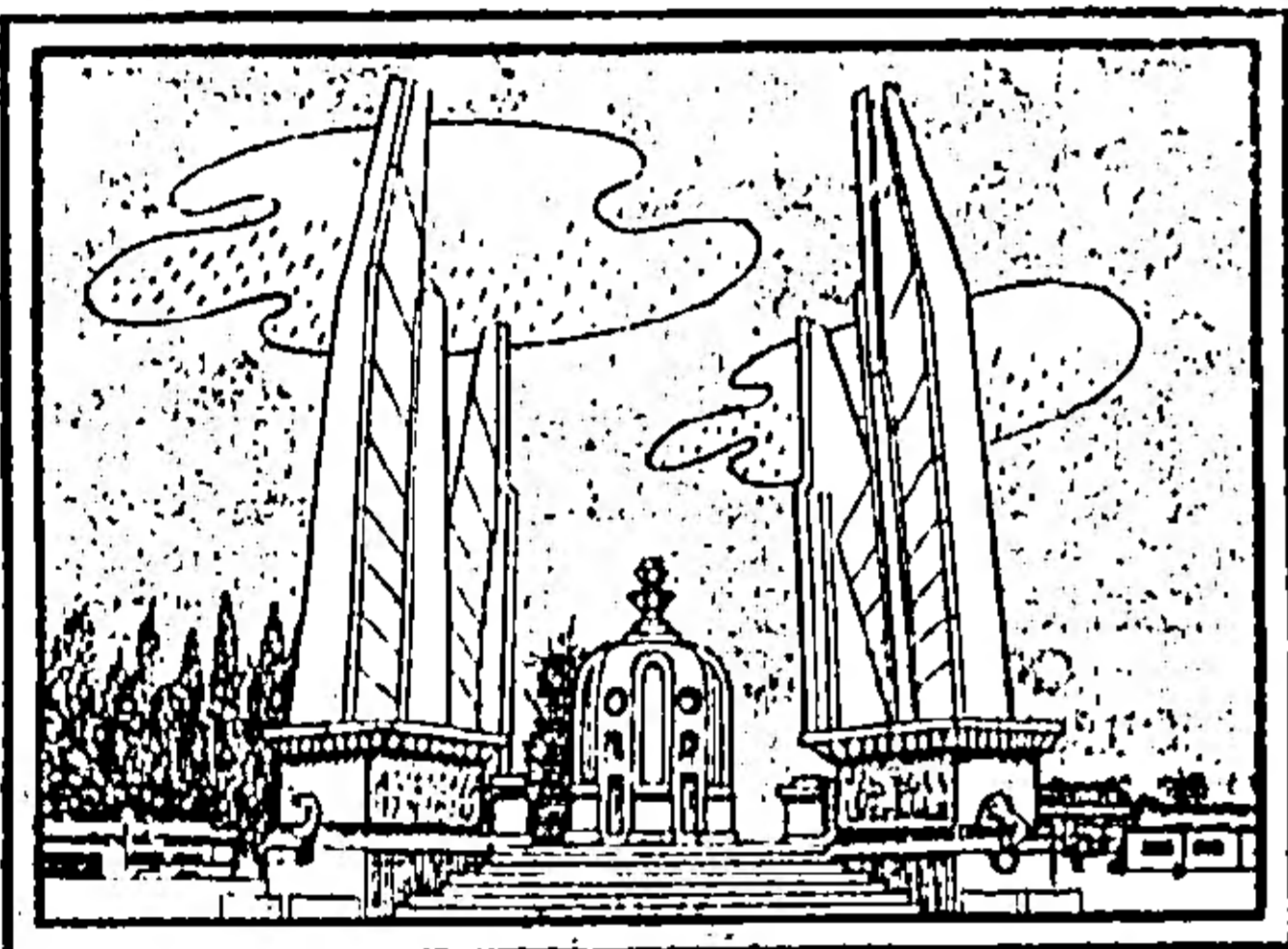
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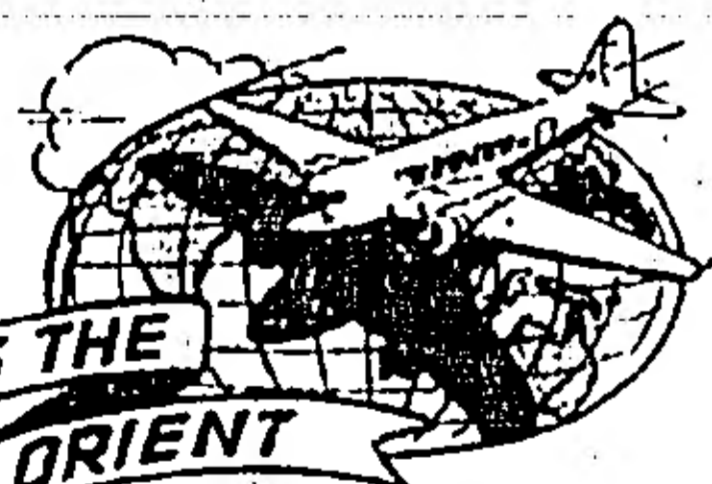
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**CHINA CHAOS**

The Kuomintang government in Nanking in the last days of the Generalissimo's personal regime resembles nothing so much as the faded man who jumped on his horse and dashed off in all directions.

Black, cold Nanking has been covered by a fog of rumours produced by frantic consultations and acrid disagreements. The battered Kuomintang is straining in four directions: continued resistance, negotiations through foreign powers, direct negotiations with the Communists and flight. The smart money has all been bet on direct negotiations, to begin as soon as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is persuaded to resign, which is expected momentarily.

The pugnacious Generalissimo has been virtually the only man in Nanking whose face is set stubbornly in the direction of continued resistance. Although others talk about it, they recognise the utter hopelessness of the Kuomintang's military situation. In Central China, guarding the Northern approaches and flanks of Nanking, the Kuomintang has under two hundred thousand troops—many of them second-rate—to battle against upwards of four hundred fifty thousand victorious Communist troops. Best informed military sources predict that the Communists who spent the last two weeks of 1948 regrouping and reorganising could, with a two-week offensive, reach the Yangtze River which curves around Nanking to the North. Within another two weeks they could probably cross the river and surround the capital. Few of Nanking's inhabitants have any confidence in the military ability of the troops which have struggled through to take up defensive positions on the South bank of the Yangtze.

The Kuomintang's right-wing leaders led by Chen Li-fu, the leader of the "CC Clique" and called "The Himmeler of China", has attempted desperately to get foreign intervention to mediate between the Kuomintang and the Communists. Chen Li-fu has hoped that foreign mediation would stall off the victory of the Communist forces for a year or so during which time the Kuomintang could consolidate its hold in South China. He has also made it clear that he hopes that World War III will come soon so that the Kuomintang will be rescued as an ally of the anti-Soviet forces. However, none of the foreign powers are willing to serve as a protective screen for the beaten Kuomintang, and Chen Li-fu's political machine which once dominated the Kuomintang is fast disappearing. Chen Li-fu was high on the list of "war criminals" proclaimed by the Communists and is, after Chiang Kai-shek, the man most hated by the Communists. Many of his past admirers are now busily deserting his sinking ship.

The group which has emerged as dominant at the year's end in Nanking is that around Vice-President Li Tsung-jen which favours ditching the Generalissimo and opening up direct negotiations. This group hopes that by negotiating with the Communists they may be able to get at least a junior

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In the entire operation, we did not get our bridgehead but our lines had been carried well out to defend the Antwerp base.

The progress of the battle gripped the attention of everyone in the theatre. We were inordinately proud of our airborne units but the interest in that battle had its roots in something deeper than pride. We felt it would prove whether or not the Germans could succeed in establishing renewed and effective resistance on the battle's outcome we would form an estimate of the severity of the fighting still ahead of us. A general impression grew up that the battle was really a full-out attempt to begin, immediately, a drive into the heart of Germany. This gave a great deal of interest to a battle in which the circumstances were unusually dramatic.

When, in spite of heroic effort, the airborne forces and their supporting ground forces were stopped in their tracks, we had ample evidence that much bitter campaigning was still to come. The British 1st Airborne Division, in the van, fought one of the most gallant actions of the war, and its stubbornness materially assisted the two American divisions to find it and the supporting ground

from the Seine to the German border, almost immediately launched the operations that finally brought about the reduction of Aachen, one of the gateways into Germany. The city was stubbornly and fiercely defended but Collins, with his VII Corps, carried out the attack so skillfully that by October 13 he had surrounded the fortress and entered the city. The enemy was steadily forced back into his final stronghold, a massive building in the centre of the city. This was reduced by the simple expedient of dragging 155-mm. "Long Tom" howitzers up to point-blank range—within 200 yards of the building—and methodically blowing the walls to bits. After a few of these shells had pierced the building from end to end the German commander surrendered on October 21, with the rueful observation, "When the Americans start using 155s as snipers weapons, it is time to give up!"

In the South Deviers' Sixth Army Group became operational and came under my command on September 15. The continuous front under control of SHAEF now extended from the Meuse-Ramain to the South to the mouth of the Rhine, hundreds of miles

In the late summer SHAEF began moving from Grandville, its initial location, I desired to find a suitable spot well East of Paris in order to avoid the congested metropolitan area in terms to the front. However, because of the location of main lines of signal communications and the lack of existing facilities in the areas East of Paris, the staff was forced, originally, to accept Versailles as the most suitable spot from which to operate. I established a forward command post just outside Reims, from which point I could easily reach any portion of the front, even on days when flying was impossible.

During the three months beginning September 1, I spent a great portion of my time in travel. The front was constantly broadening and distances were getting greater, so that every visit was time-consuming. Nevertheless, they were valuable and always worth the cost in time and effort. By adhering to this practice, I could visit commanders in their own headquarters, keep personal touch with problems as they arose, and, above all, gain a feel of the troops. Two months later, as winter approached, the winding roads leading into my little camp at Reims at times became impassable. One afternoon I was bogged down for three hours while waiting for a tractor to pull my car out of a ditch. This compelled me to rejoin the main headquarters at Versailles and from that time on travel became more difficult, except when flying conditions were good.

At times I received advice from friends, urging me to give up or curtail visits to troops. They correctly stated that, so far as the mass of men were concerned, I could never speak personally, to more than a tiny percentage. They argued, therefore, that I was merely wearing myself out without accomplishing anything significant, so far as the whole Army was concerned. With this I did not agree. In the first place I felt that the high command, talking to enlisted men, I gained accurate impressions of their state of mind. I talked to them about anything and everything; a favourite question of mine was to inquire whether the particular squad or platoon had figured out any new trick or gadget for use in infantry fighting. I would talk about anything so long as I could get the soldier to talk to me in return.

I knew, of course, that news of a visit with even a few men in a division would soon spread throughout the unit. This, I felt, would encourage men to talk to their superiors, and this habit, I believe, promotes efficiency. There is, among the mass of individuals who carry the rifles in war, a great amount of ingenuity and initiative. If men can naturally talk to their superiors, the products of their resourcefulness become available to all. Moreover, out of the habit grows mutual confidence, a feeling of partnership that is the essence of esprit de corps. An army fearful of its officers is never as good as one that trusts and confides in its leaders.

There is an old expression: "the nakedness of the battlefield." It is descriptive and full of meaning for anyone who has seen a battle. Except for unusual concentration of tactical activity, such as at a river crossing or an amphibious assault, the feeling that pervades the forward areas is loneliness. There is little to be seen; friend and foe, as well as the engines of war, seem to disappear from sight when troops are deployed for a fight. Loss of contact and cohesion are easy, because each man feels himself so much alone, and each is prey to the human fear and terror that to move or show himself may result in instant death. Here is where confidence in leaders, a feeling of comradeship with and trust in their pays off. My own direct efforts could do little in this direction. But I knew that if men realised they could talk to "the brass" they

would be less inclined to be fearful of the lieutenant. Moreover, it was possible that my example might encourage officers to seek information from and comradeship with their men. In any event I pursued the practice throughout the war, and no talk with a soldier or group of soldiers was ever profitless for me.

All these visits were, in addition, the occasion for serious discussion of problems, involving particularly replacements, ammunition, clothing and equipment for winter weather and future plans. Staffs of all echelons are, of course, constantly working on these matters and, according to the manuals, all of the needs of troops are automatically supplied through the staff systems. Nothing, however, can take the place of direct contact between commanders and this is far more valuable when the senior does the travelling, instead of sitting in his headquarters and waiting for subordinates to come back to him with their problems.

Morale of the combat troops had always to be carefully watched. The capacity of soldiers for absorbing punishment and enduring privations is almost inexhaustible so long as they believe they are getting a square deal, that their commanders are looking out for them, and that their own accomplishments are understood and appreciated. Any intimation that they are the victims of unfair treatment understandably arouses their anger and resentment, and the feeling can sweep through a command like wildfire. Once, in Africa, front-line troops complained to me that they could get no chocolate bars or anything to smoke, when they knew that these were plentifully issued to the Services. Supply, I queried the local unit commander, who said he had requisitioned these things time and again, only to be told that no transport was available to bring them to the front.

I merely telephoned to the rear and directed that until very forward airfield and front-line unit was getting its share of these items there would not be another piece of candy or a cigarette or sugar issued to anyone in the supply services. In a surprisingly short time I received a happy report from the front that their requisitions were being promptly filled.

One of these distressing affairs developed in the fall of 1944. The two items in shortest supply on the front seemed to be gasoline and cigarettes. A true report came out that in Paris there was a flourishing black market in both these articles, conducted by men of the SOS. We promptly put a group of inspectors on the job and uncovered all the sordid facts. That some men should give way to the extraordinary temptations of the fabulous prices offered for food and cigarettes was to be expected. But in this case it appeared that practically an entire unit had organised itself into an efficient gang of racketeers and was selling these articles in truck and carload lots. Even so, the blackness of the crime consisted more in the robbery of the front lines than it did in the value of the thefts. I was thoroughly angry.

To Be Continued



forces of the Twenty-first Army Group, to take and hold important areas. But the division itself suffered badly; only some 2,400 succeeded in withdrawing across the river to safety.

It was now vital to avoid any further delay in the capture of Antwerp's approaches. Montgomery's forces were, at the moment, badly scattered. His front, in an irregular salient, reached to the lower Rhine. He had to concentrate a sizable force in the Scheldt Estuary and still provide investing troops at some of the small ports holding out along the coast. To insure him opportunity to concentrate for the Scheldt operation we sent him two American divisions, the 7th Armoured, commanded by Major General Lindsay McD. Sylvester, and the 104th, commanded by Major General Terry Allen, a veteran of the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns.

The American First Army, at the end of its brilliant march

Deviens' forces included the U.S. Seventh Army under Lieutenant General Patch, and the French First Army under General de Lattre de Tassigny, previously under Patch's operational control. Bradley's army group comprised the First, Third and the newly organised Ninth Army under Lieutenant General William H. Simpson. Montgomery still had Dempsey's British Second Army and Crerar's Canadian First Army. The Allied Airborne Army, temporarily assigned to him, was directly subordinate to SHAEF.

In October we learned that Leigh-Mallory was needed in another theatre of war. Although reluctant to lose him, our organization had, by that time, definitely crystallised and teamwork had been perfected to a point that I approved the transfer. He was killed shortly thereafter in an airplane accident, and thus passed one of the intrepid and gallant figures of World War II.

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# BRITAIN MASSING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

## But Anglo-Jewish Tension Appears To Be Easing WASHINGTON'S MEDIATION

London, January 10.

With Britain's powerful Mediterranean Fleet placed in a state of readiness, there are indications today of some easing of tension in the dispute between Great Britain and Israel. The critical situation caused by the shooting down of five RAF planes by the Jews may soon be put into routine diplomatic channels. United States mediation, it is stated in London, can be considered partly responsible for this.

## Day Of The Coolie Is Now Over

London, January 10.

Singapore employers now realise that the day of coolie labour is over for ever, says the 1947 labour annual report of Singapore issued in London today.

"Never again will it be possible for coolies to be built with coolies using hoes and buckets," the report says.

"Now employers will have to use bulldozers and other mechanical equipment driven by a few highly skilled and highly paid operatives."

The report says it is arguable whether, despite the high price of rice, the Singapore workman is not now much better than his British counterpart.

"Humanitarians have greeted with enthusiasm the abolition of the rickshaw," it adds.

Eight thousand rickshaws (pulled by a cyclist instead of a rickshaw man) are now in use, but the report says it is open to argument whether pedalling the rickshaw causes less physical strain than rickshaw pulling.—Reuter.

## Malaya May Take Drastic Steps

Singapore, January 10.

The Malayan Government is intensifying measures to stamp out Communist terrorism.

New emergency regulations were promulgated today authorising the detention or banishment of residents of squatter areas suspected of aiding Communist rebels.

Citizens of the Malayan Federation or British subjects born in the Malayan Federation or Singapore are exempted from the sweeping order, which is designed to prevent Chinese squatters living in jungle clearings from helping the Communists.

The official announcement said: "It is known that in certain areas not only do the inhabitants act as spies and sentries for bandits, besides furnishing them with supplies, but some squatters themselves are part-time bandits."

In some areas, it says, bandits and squatters are inextricably

mixed and bandits operate from these areas with the full knowledge of the population.

The Government promises the greatest care and minimum hardship for all affected by the new regulations.

It adds that it wishes to make clear that, in the prosecution of its campaign against bandits, it will not hesitate to take the necessary steps against all persons giving any form of assistance to bandits.

This is the first time the Malayan Government has made any attempt to control bandit-infested areas through mass arrests or banishment. It is known that residents of some areas, not necessarily in sympathy with the bandits, help them under threat of death.—United Press.

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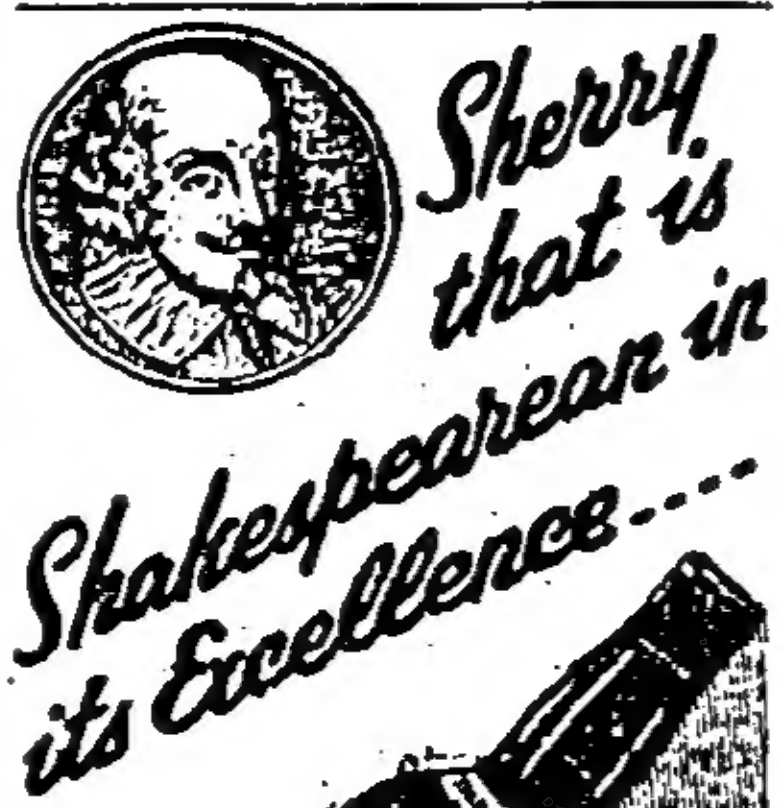
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London, January 10.

The Government's Atomic Energy Research Station at Harwell, about 60 miles from London, has been discharging radio-active effluent into the Thames intermittently since last June.

This was announced at a meeting today of the Thames Conservancy Board, which controls the river.

The Chairman of the Board, Sir Jocelyn Bray, said, however, that they had had definite assurances that precautions are being taken to see that the radio-activity does not exceed the figure laid down by the British Medical Research Council.

The present figures are well within the safe limit.—Reuter.

## Specialists Advice To Women

Chicago, January 10.

A specialist in the problems of old age says that the average American woman will spend eight years of her life as a widow.

Dr. Edward Stieglitz says the average American woman marries a man five years older than she who is likely to live three years less than she will.

"This is one of the facts that people have to face to solve the problems of old age," he says.

But George Lawton, consulting psychologist, argues that because women are stronger they should help their men live longer and should marry men younger than themselves.

"They should get up in buses and give their seats to men. This and marrying younger men would remove one of their problems of old age those early years of widowhood."—United Press.

## New Australian Shipping Line

Sydney, January 11.

The Labour Government is getting out its sea boots again to begin another shipping line.

It plans a fleet for overseas and inter-State of about 40 ships, 25 owned and 17 chartered under the Australian Shipping Board. The Prime Minister, Joseph Chifley, denies that this is nationalisation of shipping, but explains that the Commonwealth fleet will compete with private companies.

This is the second Commonwealth government-owned line. Australia's World War I Prime Minister, William Morris Hughes, set up the first line in 1916 to move Australian primary produce overseas. It stopped in 1928 after operating at a great loss.

Introducing the second reading of the shipping bill, which is expected to become law early this year, the Fuel and Shipping Minister, W. P. Ashley, said the line will first operate in coastal and island trade only.

He is confident that the line will make a profit, not being crippled with the disadvantages facing the earlier line.—United Press.

## "Allied Air Forces Were Baby Killers"

Washington, January 11.

The United States and British Air Forces were denounced today as women and baby killers. A military historian challenged them to defend strategic bombing in the Second World War.

The long-dormant dispute over the value of wholesale bombing attacks on enemy cities is revived by Hoffman Nickerson, author and military historian, in the magazine *Ordnance*, publication of the American Ordnance Association.

Mr. Nickerson reviews a book by British Major-General J. F. C. Fuller, "Second World War—Strategic and Tactical History". He agrees with General Fuller that the Allied victory in the last war was delayed at least a year by the strategic bombing of Germany.

He quotes the following passage from General Fuller's book: "Had not a single German city been bombed and, instead, had half the vast man power employed in building heavy bombers been devoted to production of landing craft and transport aircraft, the war in Europe would have been won at least a year earlier than it was."

Mr. Nickerson acknowledges that modern wars can not be won without superiority, but he asks the "gentlemen of the United States Strategic Air Force" to show how any war of indiscriminate mass destruction can possibly lead to any real peace.

He accuses the then British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and not the Germans of first ordering strategic bombing.

Both Mr. Churchill and the President Roosevelt have been attacked for their insistence on unconditional surrender by the Germans.

Mr. Nickerson's attack comes on the heels of the U.S. Air Force's first annual report since it became a separate Department in the national military establishment.

The Air Force again asks Congress in its report, for a four-year, 70-group Air Force.

The Air Secretary, Mr. Stuart Symington, also wants for a costly radar warning system, an air engineering development centre for supersonic work and an all-service long-range proving ground for guided missiles.—United Press.

## First Paper With Four Million

London, January 10.

The London newspaper, *Daily Mirror*, today reported a circulation of over 4,000,000 copies and claimed to be the first newspaper in the world to achieve so big a net sale.

Circulation increases became possible again only last week when the Government lifted newspaper restrictions.

The London Evening Standard, owned, like the *Daily Express*, by Lord Beaverbrook, said today that the circulation of the *Express* has risen from its pegged figure of 3,855,872 copies a day to 4,008,000 since the ration increased last week.

The *Daily Mirror*, a tabloid, carries more comic strips than other British newspapers. It generally, though not inevitably, supports the Labour Government.

The *Daily Express* is highly critical of the Government and campaigns for a stronger Empire policy.—Reuter.

## Coalition Government For Egypt

Cairo, January 10.

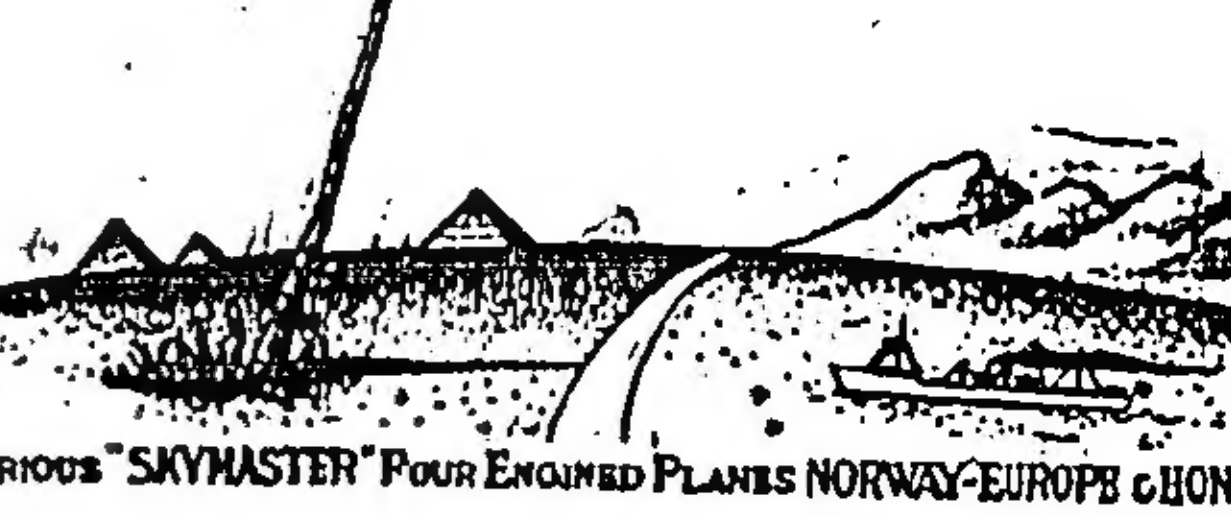
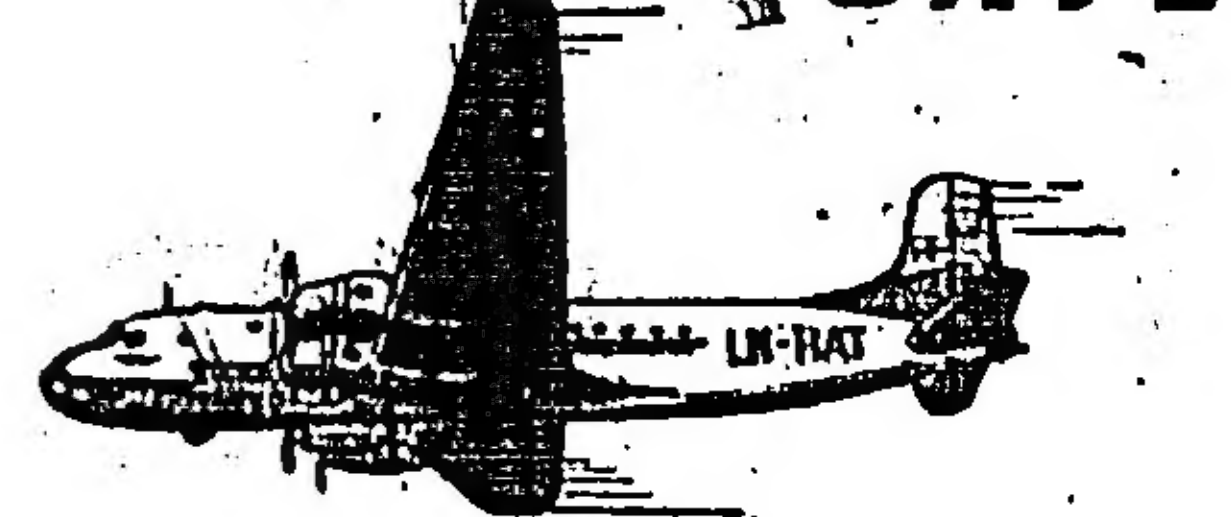
The Wafd Party, the Opposition since October, 1944, tonight officially agreed to take part in a National Coalition Government under a neutral Premier.

The Secretary-General, Sirag Edine Pasha, said that the party will not insist on a dissolution of Parliament. Dissolution and a general election have been the conditions laid down by the Wafdis in their refusal to participate in the Government during the past five years.

The Wafd Party not share power with other parties. Egypt's largest political party, they have been in Opposition since King Farouk dismissed their leader, Nuhus Pasha, from the Premiership on October 8, 1944.

From the institution of Parliamentary Government in Egypt in 1923, the political party grouping has been generally that of the Wafdis against the rest.—Reuter.

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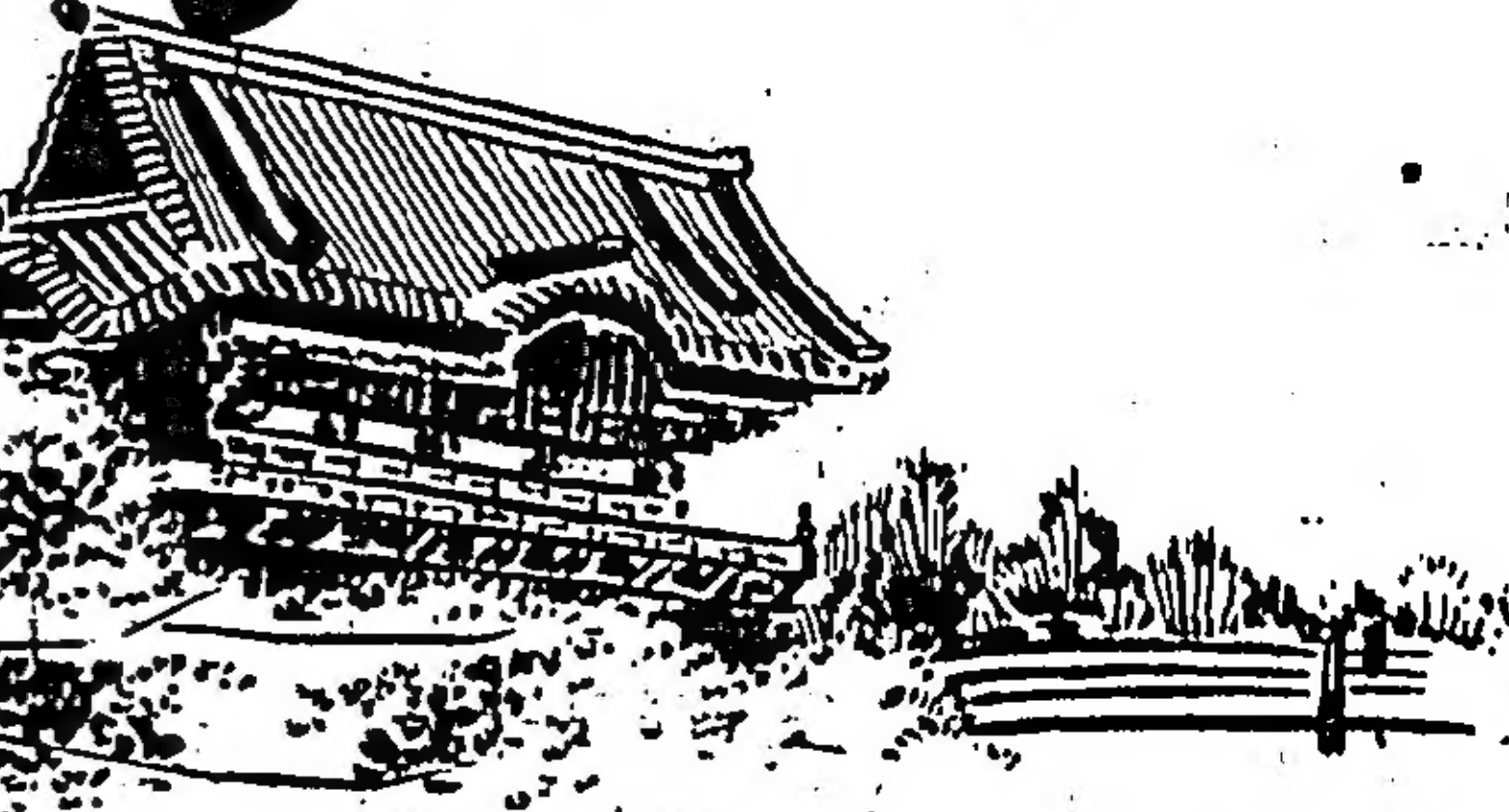
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# Woman Today

## Stoles Are Smart



Top left, stone-marten makes this warm stole-cape by Deanfield of London, with one loop and long pocketed end. Top centre is a taffeta stole for an evening dress. Right, Dorville shows this draught-defying fluffy wool stole worn with a dress with seamed waistline and Empire style bodice. Lower left is a tailored stole with a cloth day dress.

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

Reading an enthusiastic description in my favourite fashion magazine of the 1940 vogue for stoles, I was forced to the conclusion that nothing is really safe from the dress designer when he is on the look-out for something new—or something so old that it will appear new to contemporary eyes.

The smart woman in the first decade of this century was never without her stole, sometimes in fur, quite often in ostrich feathers. (She was, of course, unaware that originally her dressmaker had borrowed the idea from the long strip or band of silk worn by ecclesiastics).

Then, quite suddenly, the stole went out of fashion and for 30 years everyone forgot its existence. Now it has been revived and we are going to see it in so many forms that, before 1950 arrives, designers will be compelled, in self-defence, to ignore it again.

However, for the moment women can enjoy wearing this eminently feminine accessory. But I must utter a word of warning: to wear a stole properly is an art, like wearing a shawl. You can either look unbecomingly graceful with your two yards or so of fur or fabric draped round your shoulders or you can give the impression that something is slipping and you haven't much hope of retrieving it in time.

### Grandmother's Idea

But there is one difference between the stole of 1910 and that of 1940. Today you can have it made to look very much like a shawl—only this means that your head, your make-up, and your dress must be more than ordinarily chic, otherwise you merely look as though you must be warm at all costs. You can also have it made like a cape with long ends. Or you can stick to grandmother's idea and wear a long, wide piece of fur or fabric.

A stole can be made like a shawl in tartan to wear with a matching frock. It is extremely useful for chilly days. It can be carried out in tweed with a vivid velvet lining—in tweed to match the dress, with a lining of crimson velvet to harmonise with the trimming down the front of the dress.

Then there is the stole with a touch of drama in the shape of a leopard's skin lining. Wallace does it in black cloth to match a

cloth dress, and completes the effect, by adding a little cloche hat in leopard. Frederick Starke, on the other hand, deliberately goes to the other extreme with effective results: the black wool stole which is worn with the black wool dress has a lining of shepherd's plaid, and he adds a flower to match under the skirt drape on the left hip.

Or there is the shawl-cum-stole which Dorville carries out in fluffy wool with a fringed edge—an accessory so much like grandmother's shawl that it has a chic all of its own, as the clothes of that period invariably have at this distance. Yet another type is the tailored stole cut with a turn-over collar and a cap sleeve effect.

But for evening, of course, a woman has an even greater choice. Apart from the long scarves of tulle, crepe-de-chine or taffeta which seem to have been borrowed from the First Empire, there are long stoles in fox fur or cape-stoles in flat furs. The last-named are fairly easy to wear since they stay in place, but the fox stoles need to be gracefully draped over the shoulder and one arm, and, as I said before, this is an art which must be learned.

### NEW DEAL FOR STEAK

1½ lb. round steak in one piece, 1 cup soft breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, ¼ cup diced celery, 1 small turnip, 1 small carrot, 2 sticks celery, stock or water. Wipe the steak. Remove the skin from the outside and spread flat on a board. Mix together the breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, chopped onion, diced celery and sufficient stock to bind the ingredients together. Spread on the meat, and roll up. Tie or fasten with a skewer. Melt sufficient dripping in the bottom of a saucepan to just cover. When turning hot, add the meat and brown well on all sides. Pour away any remaining dripping. Add sufficient water or stock to cover. Add turnip, carrot, and celery cut into large dice. Lid tightly and simmer very gently 2½ to 3 hours. When the meat is cooked, remove from the saucepan and thicken with gravy with a little blended flour. Serve the meat on a hot dish, surrounded by the vegetables and the gravy in a separate sauce boat.

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## APPROACH TO TRUTH

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At the time I knew them Brenda was six and Cynthia four. Their parents were intelligent people with very definite ideas on how to bring up their children. They were quite certain their ideas were right.

One day the children borrowed their mother's sewing basket to make dolls' clothes and that evening after tea the mother went out in the garden with a torch to get some drowood and found her best scissors lying on the back lawn.

She went into the bedroom where the children were getting ready for bed, saying, "Which of you children left the scissors outside?"

The little girls looked at one another for a second, then denied the deed. "Come on, now," the mother persisted, "one of you must have done it, so you may as well tell me." Both children denied it again and a deadlock was reached.

Each maintained flatly that she had not left the scissors outside (obviously both children had forgotten the incident which was unimportant to them at the time) and finally they were put to bed in tears with no goodnight kiss and told that neither would be allowed up the next morning until a confession had been made.

After about 10 minutes, during which time a subdued sound of voices could be heard from the children's room, the mother was called back and Cynthia, between sobs, confessed.

Her mother gave her a little lecture on caring for other people's possessions, and the great importance of always telling the truth. Then with a word of praise for having owned up at

last, the mother settled both children down for the night and left them.

Next morning Cynthia was helping with the washing-up, and her mother, who was still puzzled by the whole episode, in a friendly way brought up the subject again. "Cynthia," she said, "I'm glad you told me you had done it in the end, but why did you wait so long?"

### Cynthia's Explanation

Cynthia looked rather embarrassed and hesitated, but finally said, "Truly, mummy, we don't know who did it, we don't remember. But we thought in the end it would be better if I said I had because I was the eldest."

That mother forced a quite normally truthful little girl to tell a lie through her unnecessarily rigid insistence on truth. Surely if Brenda's and Cynthia's mother had been able to put herself in her children's place and had correctly understood the "sit" to be one of carelessness on the part of both children, she would have said, "I've just found my scissors on the lawn. I'm afraid I won't be able to lend you my things if you don't remember to put them back in the right place."

You may think that this is not strong enough that it would not impress the children sufficiently to make them remember next time. But the other treatment would certainly not help their memory either.

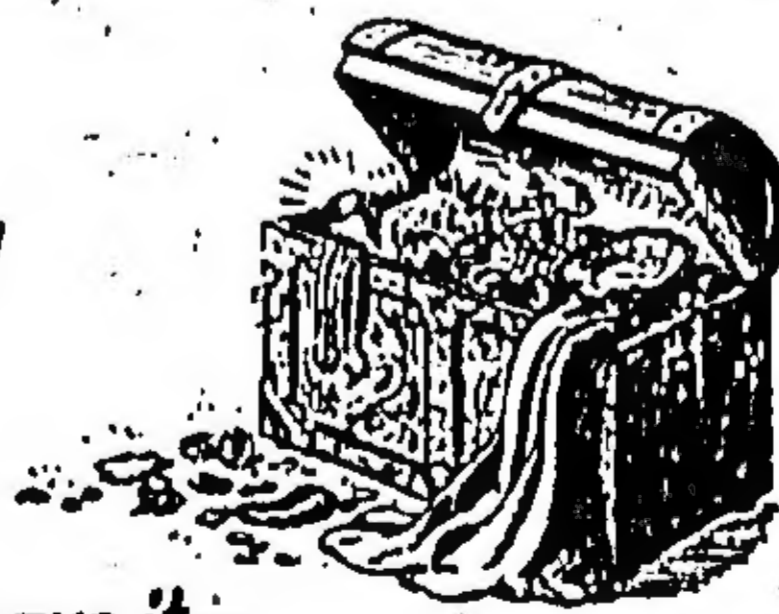
Because so much stress was put on the question of owning up, it is very doubtful whether they would remember afterwards what caused the fuss in the beginning, and we have already seen that from the point of view of teaching truthfulness the first method failed entirely.



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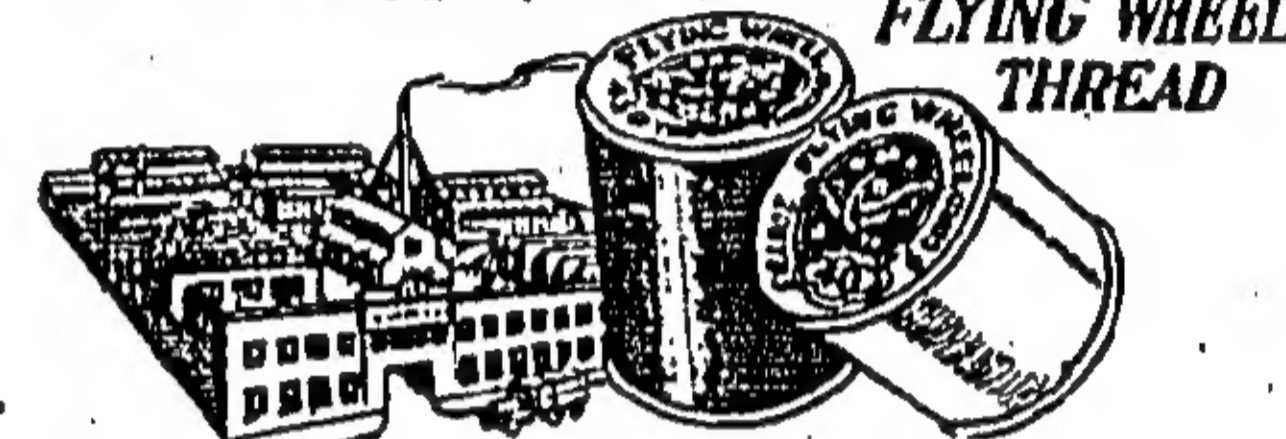
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## BRITISH ATTITUDE

PRONOUNCEMENT ON  
INDONESIA AWAITED

Washington, January 10.

Diplomatic observers in Washington are awaiting an early British pronouncement of more positive policy on Indonesia. They hope that it will allay some of the anti-Western sentiment recently developed in Asia.

Great importance is attached to the week-end conference between Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and the Dominion representatives who, it is believed, may have persuaded Mr. Bevin to press for liberal Dutch concessions. The utmost significance is also attached to the forthcoming New Delhi conference, called by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru. It is felt that a clear and united Western policy is needed before then to avoid a heightening of the anti-Western feeling.

India is destined to play an important role in the East-West relations, it is recognized here. This is reflected today by the syndicated newspaper columnist, Mr. Walter Lippmann. "We would be advised to enter into intimate consultation with Mr. Nehru about our whole course in China and Indonesia," Mr. Lippmann wrote.

## Lost Prestige

He points out: In consulting Mr. Nehru, the greatest figure in Asia, the United States will find itself in harmony with the Australians, who are surely among our dependable friends, as well as with Mr. Attlee and the wisest makers of modern British policy.

He asked a question common in diplomatic quarters: Where is the United States to look for allies in China, Holland and France have shown they are unable to play the role that was expected of them.

"As the only great power that has never become the imperial ruler of subject peoples, it is felt that the United States now, by wise policies, can do much to restore the prestige of the West lost in the war with Japan," he added.

"Our most precious asset in Asia is our ability to persuade the people of Asia that there is a nation in the Western world more powerful than the Soviet Union which sympathizes with their struggle for independence and has no wish to exploit it."

## Disastrous

"Our friends in Western Europe should try to understand why we cannot and must not be maneuvered, why we dare not drift into general opposition to the movements for independence in Asia."

"They should try to realize how disastrous it would be to them and to the cause of Western civilization if ever it could be said that the Western Union for the defence of freedom in Europe was in Asia a syndicate for the preservation of a decadent empire."

In New York today, Dr. L. N. Palar, Indonesian delegate to the United Nations, warned: "The ties of confidence and friendship grow thinner and thinner between the peoples of South

East Asia and the nations of Western Union."

Dr. Palar spoke at an Indian League of America protest meeting.

Also speaking at the meeting, called because of the Indonesian situation, was Mr. Robert Delson, counsel for the Indonesian Republic.

Mr. Delson gave a behind the scenes report on how pending American-Indonesian trade agreements had frightened the Dutch into their December 18 attack against the Republic.—Reuter and United Press.

Where The  
Money Goes

Washington, January 10.

The United States Budget Bureau today issued a chart showing exactly how the American taxpayers' dollars will be spent and from whom it will come if Congress adopts President Truman's budget proposals submitted to them today.

The following figures show where the budget will come from:

Direct taxes on individuals 43 per cent. Direct taxes on business, corporations 28 per cent. Excise taxes on luxury goods 19 per cent. Customs and other taxes eight per cent. New taxes two per cent.

Expenditures: National Defence 34 per cent. International affairs, such as the Marshall Plan and other foreign aid programme 16 per cent. Services and benefits for ex-Servicemen 13 per cent. Interest on the National Debt 13 per cent. Health and Welfare six per cent. Development of natural resources, such as atomic energy and power plants five per cent. All other expenditures 13 per cent.—Reuter.

Japan's  
Unemployed

Tokyo, January 11.

The Government is planning measures to cope with an estimated 1,200,000 unemployed that will result in the implementation of General Douglas MacArthur's nine-point Economic Stabilisation Programme.

Drastic administrative reforms and rationalisation of industrial management, following the establishment of a single exchange rate for the Yen, will be responsible for a large percentage of this figure.

According to the Labour Ministry figures, approximately 600,000 Government workers will lose their jobs as a result of the projected administrative reform. Another estimated 600,000 workers in private industries will become unemployed when the industrial setup is reformed to give priority to exports.

The latest statistics put the number of the present unemployed at 670,000. This would bring the total to a little under two million. The Government plans to support only 650,000 on relief. The remaining 1,350,000 will be absorbed in public works, road construction and small enterprises.—Reuter.

Saigon Paper  
Suspended

Saigon, January 10.

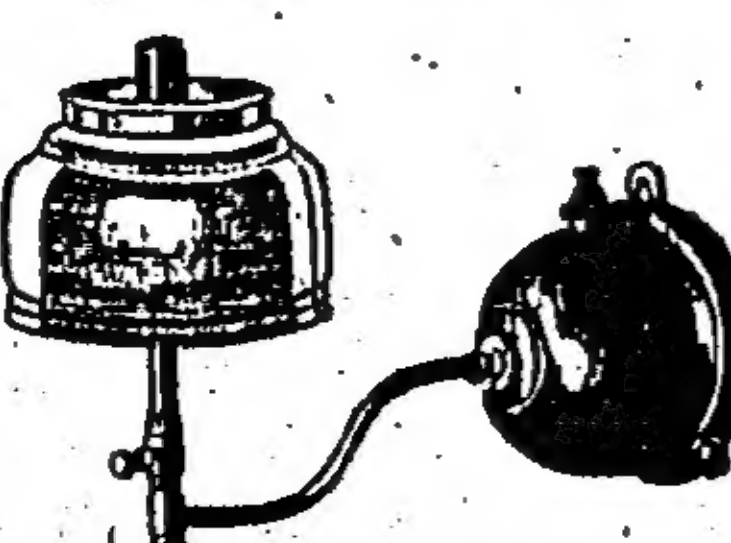
The Saigon newspaper Echa ou Vietnam was suspended for eight days today by order of the French Commissioner for Cochinchina.

The paper is published in French and is Nationalist in tendency.

The suspension order said the newspaper was suspended for publishing a proclamation by the Social Democratic Party which is described as an act of confused and insidious propaganda susceptible of being dangerously interpreted and of compromising the position taken by South Vietnam (Cochin China) and France in their common effort to get together.—Reuter.

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Madrid, January 10.  
Senora Maria Ruiz died in Barcelona today after being asleep 10 days since New Year's Eve. Her husband died four days ago. Relatives called a doctor when they found it impossible to wake the couple on New Year's Day. The doctor's verdict is that both died from cerebral intoxication due to carbon monoxide poisoning. The husband never woke up but the wife opened her eyes for a few minutes on Saturday. The couple were at a celebration on New Year's Eve.—Reuter.

Asian Talks  
A Mistake?

Sydney, January 10.

Mr. William Morris Hughes, Australian Elder Statesman and former Prime Minister, said today he fails to see what role the Australian representatives can play at the forthcoming Asian conference on Indonesia in New Delhi.

"This conference, instead of ironing out inequalities and bringing harmony, may accentuate the differences and provoke ill will," he said.

"The United Nations, whatever its shortcomings may be, is broad-based and draws no distinction of colour, creed, caste or class. All meet there in absolute equality."

"This Asiatic nations' conference seeks to divide the nations and at best can only make that which is bad worse."—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH  
POLICY TALKS

London, January 10.

Details of Mr. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister's, three-day visit to London this week to discuss Anglo-French policy with Mr. Ernest Bevin were disclosed today.

The French Foreign Minister, who is officially stated to have accepted Mr. Bevin's invitation to discuss subjects of common concern to the British and French Governments, will probably be accompanied by M. Couve de Murville and M. Camille Paris, two high-ranking officials of the French Foreign Office.

Mr. Bevin will meet them on Thursday morning.—Reuter.

Briton Killed On  
Java Estate

Batavia, January 10.

The British manager of a rubber plantation about 36 miles East of Malang, in East Java, was killed in an attack on his estate by guerrillas on January 5.

He was Mr. Ronald MacPherson, aged 50. Three Dutch assistants on the estate escaped with their lives.

Usually reliable sources report intense guerrilla warfare around Tasikmalaya, about 115 miles South East of Batavia, and Sukabumi, about 48 miles North of Batavia.

The United Nations Good Offices Committee of three today requested facilities to visit the Republic leaders detained by the Dutch on Banka Island, off Sumatra.

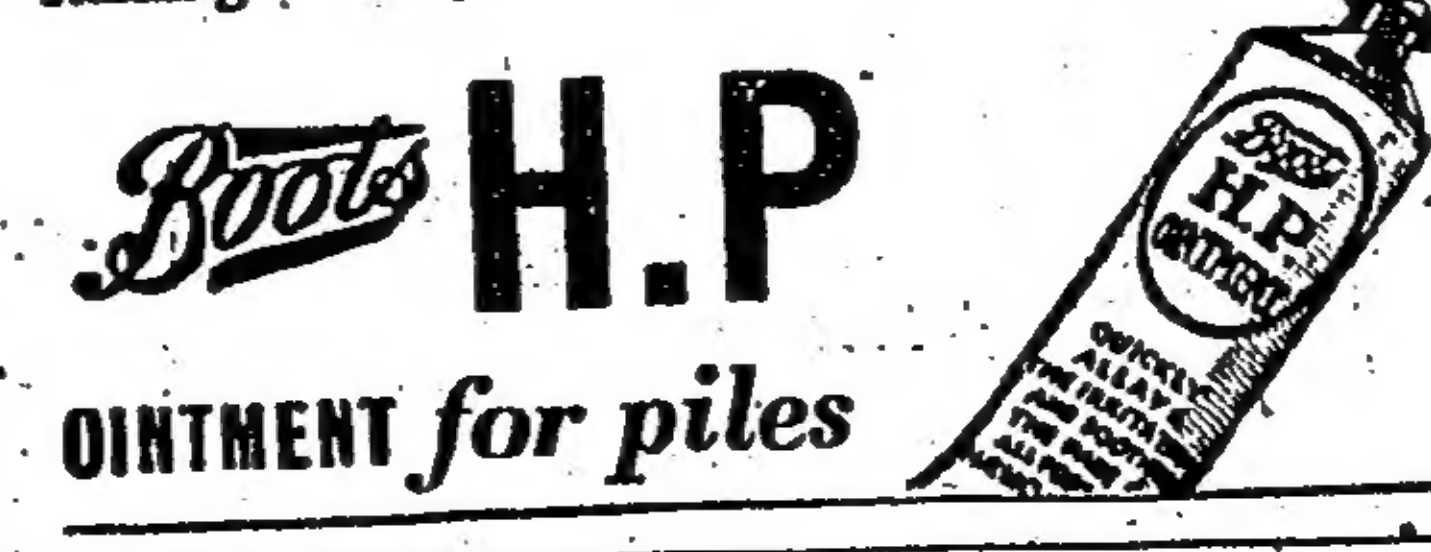
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REPUBLICAN ASSAULT  
AGAINST JOGJAKARTA

Batavia, January 10.

Republican troops opened a heavy offensive on Jogjakarta last night.

This is reported by an American correspondent who says he was held by the Dutch under house arrest for 26 hours.

George Kahen, correspondent for the Overseas News Agency, said the attack was accompanied by mortar and rifle fire and heavy explosions which temporarily knocked out the power system. The blast shook his hotel in the downtown business district, he added.

Forty-five minutes after the attack started from the South with a diversionary thrust from the North West, street fighting was going on in front of the hotel on Marilobro Boulevard.

Kahen said he had been given Dutch travel orders to spend a week in Jogjakarta. After four and a half days, he said, the Dutch authorities arrested him in Hotel Merdeka and released him today.

Dutch intelligence officers who arrested Kahen said they acted on the orders of the Chief of Staff of Batavia.

They allowed him to cable the United States Consulate in Batavia, but he said the Consulate did not receive his message.

The correspondent said last night's assault was the second Republican counter-attack since the Dutch captured the capital. The first, he added, was on December 29.

Kahen said the Dutch threw reinforcements and tanks into the battle.

"I could hear tanks rumble in front of the hotel during the fight,"

Fighting continued until 2 a.m., when complete silence fell over the city, except for occasional shots.

During the counter-attack the Indonesians set the former Republican delegation headquarters on fire, but the Dutch succeeded in putting the fire under control. The Dutch had been using the building for distribution of food and textiles.

## Headquarters Burn

Kahen reports that the situation is tense. The Dutch are giving rations only to Indonesians who co-operate and work with the Dutch.

One Dutch official admitted that only 21 tons of rice are being brought in by the Dutch while the city requires 80 tons daily. Farmers in outlying districts

are bringing in less than 50 per cent of food requirements. Only 150 of 10,000 Republican civil servants in the Jogjakarta district have reported for work under the Dutch.—United Press.

China Ships  
Diverted  
To Taiwan

Washington, January 10.

Two Navy cargo ships laden with arms for China were directed to Taiwan last week at the request of the Chinese Government.

It is presumed here that the Chinese Government fears that the shipments may fall into Communist hands after disembarkation at Chinese ports which are threatened by the Reds.

Informed sources say that two ships are carrying arms for China. They do not know whether other Navy ships carrying arms also will be directed to Taiwan and say the decision is up to the Chinese Government.—United Press.

British Try  
Alleged Spy

Vienna, January 10.

A Czech accused of anti-British espionage before a British military court at Klingenfurt today admitted in a written statement that he has worked for the Czechoslovak intelligence service.

The accused Leopold Wallough, also known as Joseph Heckl, is alleged to have been found in possession of secret documents containing information on the strength, composition and movements of the British forces.

A Russian-made miniature camera is said to have been found on him.

An Austrian police officer, giving evidence of having discovered the camera and a film, said that Wallough remarked: "Up to now I have carried out 12 missions but on the thirteenth everything has gone wrong."

A second accused, Elemer Scholz, employed at a British supply depot, is said to have been induced to assist Wallough by promises that he would be allowed to visit his wife in Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

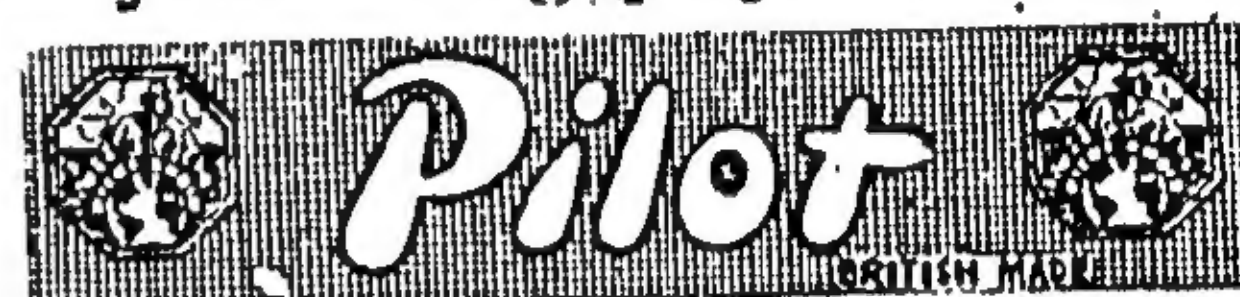
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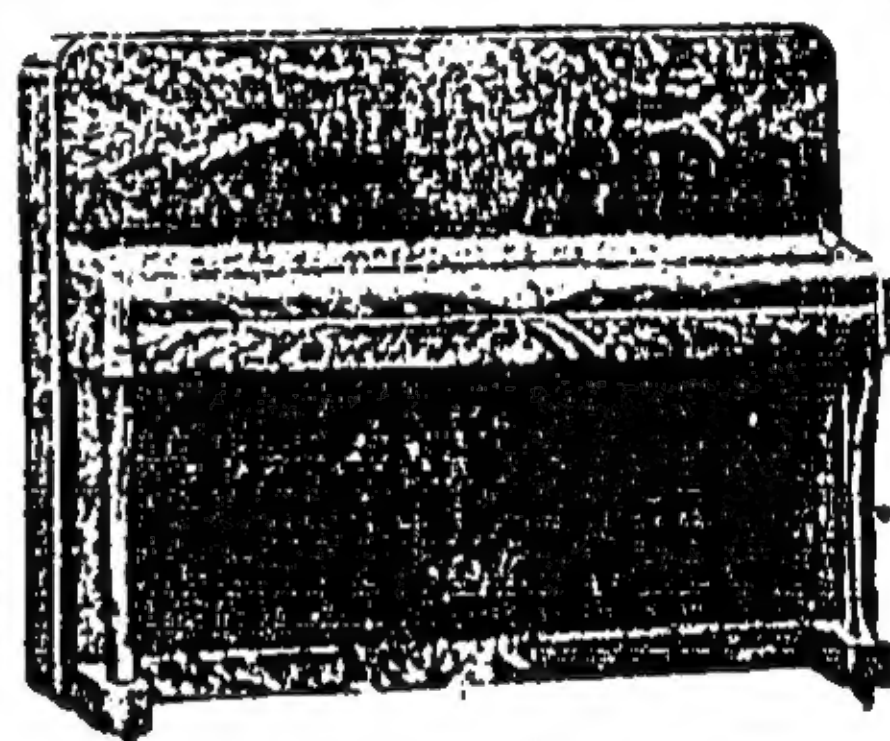
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By Irish Bishops

Bublin, January 10.

The Catholic hierarchy of Ireland today protested the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty in a letter from Ireland's four Archbishops to the Hungarian Government.

It says the outside world will not credit the charges against the Cardinal.

The Archbishops say: "It is difficult to reconcile the continued persecution of the Church in your country with the profession of democracy."

"Hungary in the past made great sacrifices for freedom. We can only hope its noble tradition will not be marred in the unworthy treatment of one who fearlessly defended the most fundamental of human liberties, the liberty of worshipping God according to one's conscience."

In Rennes, Cardinal Rouges criticised the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty.

BIT THE HAND  
THAT FED IT

Manila, January 11.  
An 10-year-old snake charmer from Honolulu is in hospital after being maltreated by her pet boa constrictor.

Allie Cabonia said she has been particularly kind to the boa constrictor for the last two years and can not understand its sudden hostility. The boa turned on Miss Cabonia during a performance, coiling itself around her and biting her. She was taken to a hospital to be treated for body lacerations.—Associated Press.

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# TEEN AGE TOPICS

## Editorial

SPORTS CAN HELP

Recreational sports play one of the most active and important parts in the daily indulgence of man. For youth, it can be said to be the ultimate factor towards making him the success in the society in which he lives.

Sportsmanship develops in the young a practical sense of discipline, a warm regard for others and a self confidence of the kind which enables him to ease every awkward situation.

Without it, one generally feels more of the tricky road between adolescent and maturity, a path of critical eyes watching every move of your carriage and reaction before it permits you into the imagined freedom of manhood.

In the field of sports there are hundreds of games, each governed by its own rules and regulations different from and independent of one another.

But basically, the effects are the same. It breeds the same vigorous spirit of competition as it does teach a similar exchange of give and take we call fair play.

The Teens note with extreme satisfaction that each teen age contributor to the popular Personality feature, is, without exception, a young man or woman who frequents the sporting fields of the colony.

Whether it be in the swimming pool or the cricket pitch, the hockey field or the tennis court, these teen agers have competed among themselves as well as with their elders.

We have had a colony swimming champion, a college tennis champion, football players and cricket bowlers. And each one has expressed definite and optimistic views of the future and working happily towards their respective ambition, and most have expressedly stated their affinity to people at large.

Sport and its rules, to the young and impressionable, is as important as the alphabets they have first to learn. For if it does not help in some selected ideals, it at least assists with the problem of getting along with the world.

## Personality

This week's teen ager is Patricia Sullivan. She is 14 years old and was born on November 7, 1924, in Hankow.

Before Patricia was 10 years of age, she had travelled with her parents to many parts, including New Zealand, Mukden, Java and Australia.

After a year's stay in Mukden, Patricia went back to New Zealand.



PATRICIA SULLIVAN

which is her home. For the next six years, she lived there going to school at Hamilton East.

In New Zealand Patricia started learning ballet, which she is still doing today. Her ballet lessons have taught her to love music.

She arrived in Hong Kong in 1936 and is now studying in the fifth form of King George V School. "My favourite subject is French. But I am also particularly interested in literature and history," she said about her schooling.

"On the subject of a career, Patricia said, 'My ambition is divided between choosing a recreational career and one of modelling, or perhaps I may even like to be an air hostess. I haven't decided yet.' Her hobby is collecting all kinds of trinkets, curios and antiques. Her reading is mostly serious, but Patricia's humour is always gay. In sports, she is a very promising swimmer, but she plays tennis and hockey mostly. Patricia said that she misses aquaplaning very much, 'for in New Zealand it is a very popular recreation.'

## Youth And The World

Iconoclasm is a facet of youth benignly and condescendingly acknowledged but not accepted by the aged ones and the wise.

And why is it not accepted? The usual explanation is that youth has had no experience. Perhaps this is true. But also, some have a mind that is clear and unclouded by living long in a world of selfishness, greed and corruption—a word made this way by our respectable, experienced forebears.

The eternal battle then is one between the experienced and the prejudiced against the inexperienced and the impartial. Of the two, which can be judged? Let both give full expression to their ideas.

### Youth's Angle

The world to us is a strange place, full of hypercity and affected institutions, loads of afternoon tea parties intermingled with crime.

It is a place where, to know somebody is more important than to be able to do something.

In this way, the obsequious advance, the bold triumph. But the bold are scorned as they attack the grand castle of convention with a flame thrower when actually what they need is a cocktail. Adopt a superficial attitude of servile interest in others, and succeed.

And why? Because man is naturally gregarious. He is vain, and to be selected appeals to him, selected for anything—even a garden party. As long as he is chosen, he is happy.

But when he learns to stay one day with himself and his thoughts and remain content, then the Gods can relax, for man can war no more.

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## PLATTER CHATTER

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What is generally described as Party Records, normally falls into three classes: 1. The clean stories or witty ditties. 2. The double entendre variety. 3. The unpleasant ones neither risqué nor funny.

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Class 1 is available locally and I have been sent some for review but so far they have been of no interest to me.

This is an album deserving full marks. It provides excellent entertainment for the youngsters as well as for the unsophisticated adults. Nat "King" Cole's singing is relaxed and soothing and the accompaniment clever and pleasant.

Sides are: Old MacDonald Had a Farm; Nursery Rhymes; My Sleepy Head; There's a Train Out for Dreamland; The Three Trees and Ke Mo Ki Mo.

The Scotsman Farmer receives better treatment than in Spike Jones' lunatic version. Four of the best known nursery rhymes are sung with charm and Ke Mo Ki Mo is so catchy that you will find yourself humming it subconsciously. Tchaikowsky, Ravel, Lecuna and Rubinstein appear as: On the 1-4 of May, Our Love, Moon Love, The Lamp is Low, The Breeze and I and If You Are but a Dream.

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## MANNERS

Bad manners are always objectionable. We can excuse the ignorant or the poor who know no better. But there are many who take a certain amount of pride in being rude, and their faults cannot be overlooked. They think that to be rude is a sign of independence and manliness. Others say that politeness is a form of insincerity, and hold that it is better to ignore a person than to pretend that "if hope that you are well." That is not right. Even should one dislike someone, it is not necessary to let him or her know the unpleasant truth.

Good manners may be superficial but they are as necessary to the continuance of society as oil is to the lamp. And with people who have a natural, kind heart, politeness is neither insincere nor artificial.

The essence of good manners is consideration for the feelings of others.

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This attempt to promote international good will is organized by the London Daily Mail and the Council for Education in World Citizenship. And for this, efforts will be made to establish close contacts between the visitors and the residents in Britain who will be their hosts.

From each of the following countries, a boy and a girl have been invited to attend this forum: the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the West Indies, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway and Sweden.

Henrique d'Assumpcao left the Colony during the holidays, for Australia to further his studies. He is pursuing a career of law. His brother Carlos, who is waiting his arrival in Australia, is doing a course in medicine. Both will be away for some years but hope to make holiday trips home in between terms.

"Treasure Island" a Stage Club production, proved a success with the young people by the call for a repeat matinee performance which is arranged for Sunday.

Following this production is another play "The Guinea Pig" which has parts for teen agers. Those interested in the theatre should watch out for the casting meeting.

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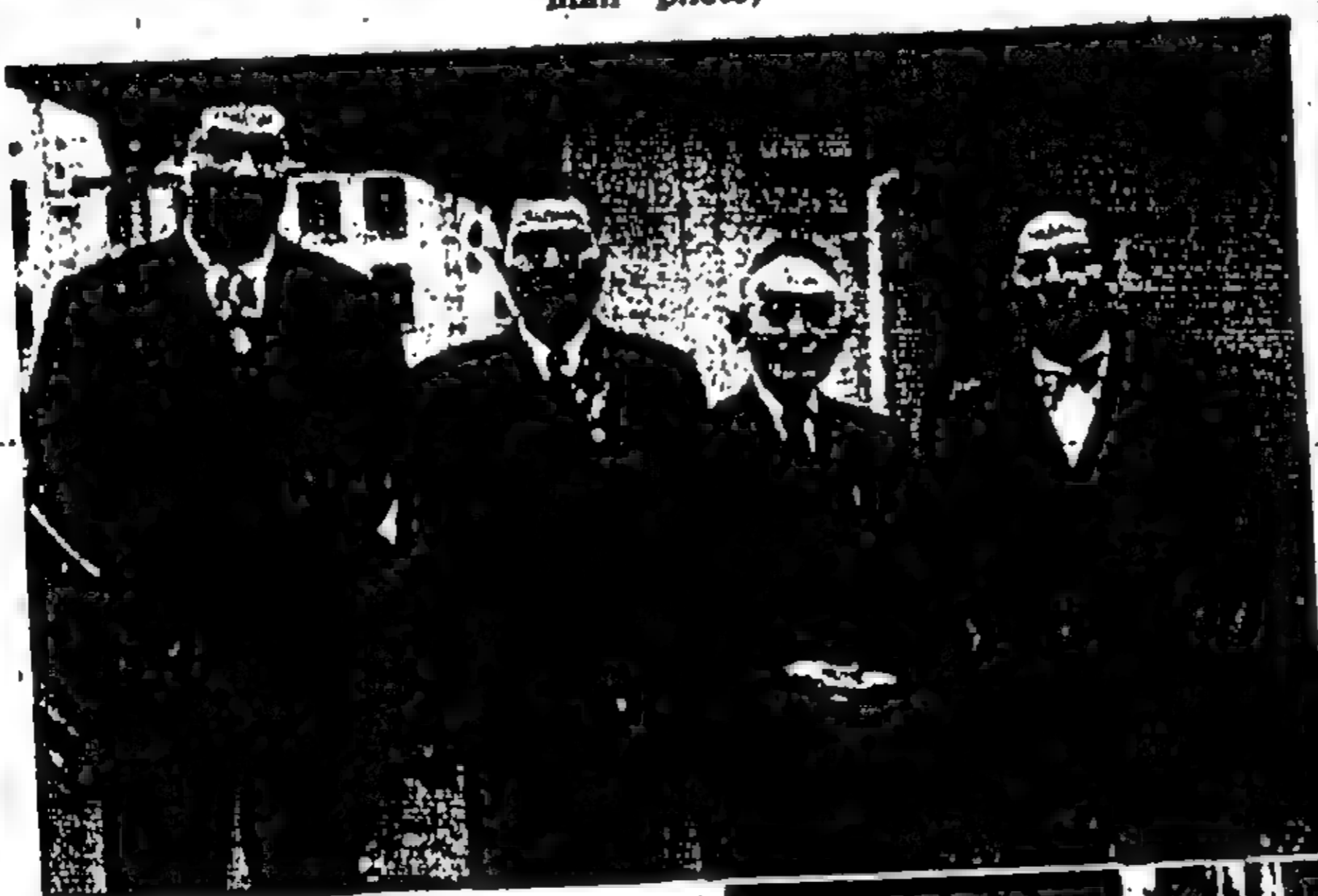


Colonel Sir James Sleeman, with Mr. A. di Arculli and Mr. Feng Ping-fan, inspects officers of the St. John's Ambulance. ("China Mail" photo)



Guard of Honour at Queen's Pier for Colonel Sir James Sleeman. ("China Mail" photo)

Firemen fight blaze which razed 10 squatter huts between Moon and Star streets. ("China Mail" photo)



Former Chinese Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Hsu Shi Ying (second from right) on vacation in Hong Kong. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. F. W. Kendall, of Philippine Air Lines addresses the first post-war meeting of Hong Kong air travel agents at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("China Mail" photo)



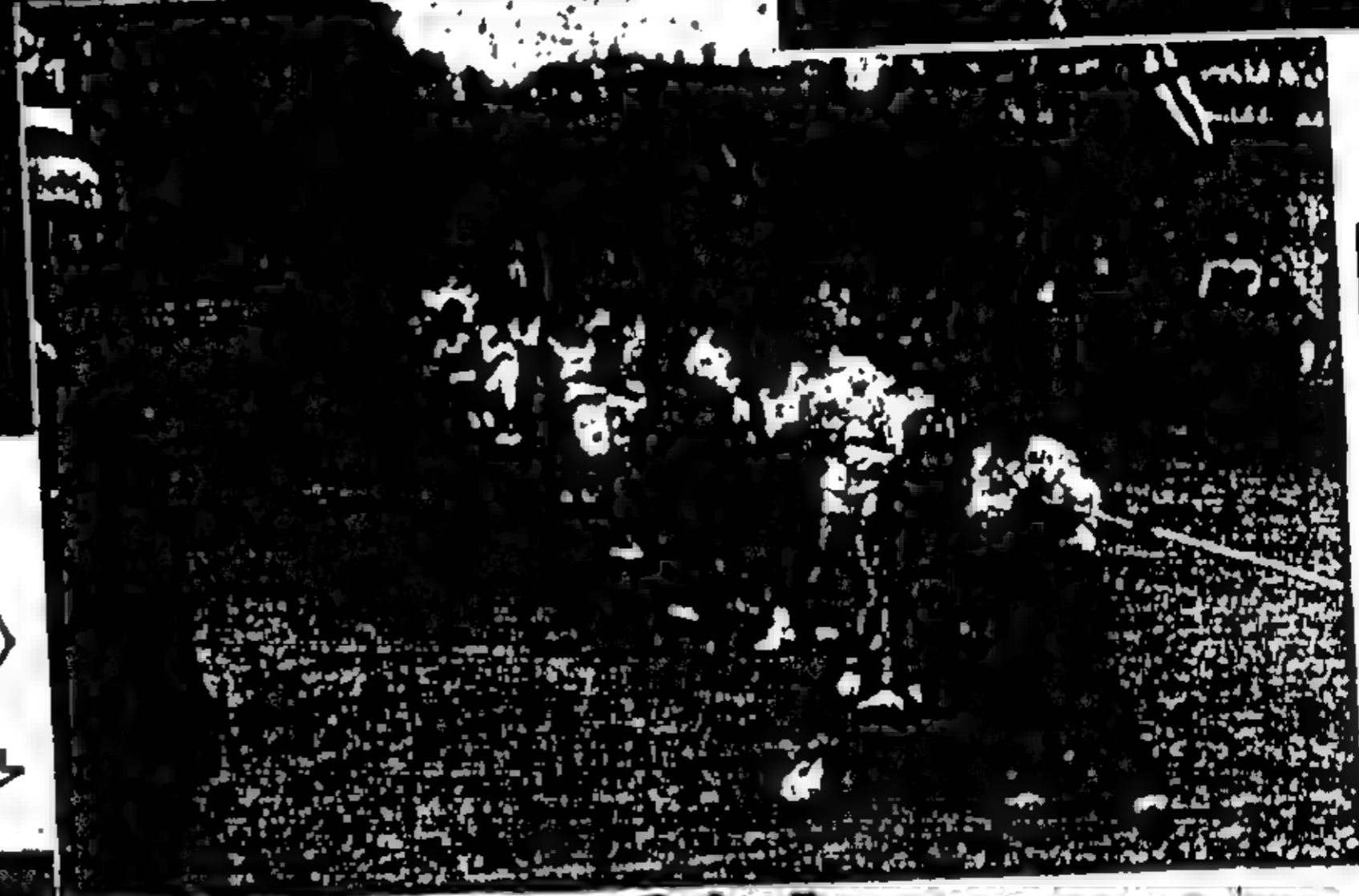
Mr. A. Morse, president of the Hong Kong Football Association, greets the Korean team at the Hong Kong Hotel, on January 4. ("China Mail" photo)



Tug o' War at the children's sports at the KCC on New Year's Day. (Ming Yuen photo)

Grins of victory as this batch of youngsters at the KCC show how it's done. (Ming Yuen photo)

Girls' egg and spoon race at the KCC sports. (Ming Yuen photo)



Waiting for the balloons to come down at the Yacht Club New Year party. (Mee Cheung photo)



by Mr.



The 1st Kowloon Company Girl Guides have a happy time at their party in St. Andrew's Church. (Mayfair photo)



A happy group of children at the H.K. Police party held at the Police Club. (Ming Yuen photo)



Group at the christening of Christopher, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Swindells at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.



ests at the children's party at 182 The Peak given and Mrs. H. S. Dinsdale. (Mee Cheung photo)



Bride and groom pose with friends at the wedding of Miss Kwan Kiu Ying to Mr. Ip Ka Wai at the Registrar's Office. (Ming Yuen photo)



Merriment at the children's party given to Gloucester Hotel residents. (Ming Yuen photo)

Colourful saris at the wedding of Miss Ruby Pheroz Pavri to Mr. Binoo Navroji Master. ("China Mail" photo)

After the christening of Phillpa Catherine Eden, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. George W. Eden at St. John's Cathedral. ("China Mail" photo)



Mrs. H.



Miss Pang Shen Han was married to Mr. Chau Wai Pong at the Kamling Restaurant.



Has your baby's picture been entered in the "China Mail" baby competition?  
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## Nazis' Nationalistic Movement In Germany

Berlin, January 10.

General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, warned today that Nazi-minded Nationalistic groups are again raising their heads in Germany.

In his monthly report for November, he says democratic German leaders are becoming uneasy over the revival of nationalistic groups.

"Although these groups are as yet small, democratic German leaders recall with uneasiness that until 1920 National Socialism was itself a negligible movement," he said.

One of these movements is a revival of Otto Strasser's infamous "Black Front" under the seemingly innocuous name of "The League for German Revival."

Strasser, a Nazi leader expelled from the party in 1930 because he had taken its socialist plans too seriously, formed a right wing radical movement, the Black Front.

He went into exile in 1933 and his brother, Gregor, one time No. 2 Nazi, was murdered in the Hitler purge of June 1934.

Otto Strasser, who is now living in Canada, is reported to be planning to return to Germany next month. He followed assembled at Friedberg, Bavaria, on November 21 and there organized the League.

## "Solidarism"

The programme of the League rejects both capitalism and Communism and advocates what it calls solidarism.

Its application for recognition as a political movement has been rejected by the United States Military Government.

"The second of these groups is the National Democratic Party, which held a meeting at Stuttgart on November 21."

"Though this party's platform seemed merely conservative, its nationalistic tendencies became clear when Dr. Heinrich Leuchters, its chairman in Land Hesse, told the meeting that it demanded the re-establishment of the German Reich within its former boundaries, could not tolerate the Oder-Neisse frontier and the cession of Eastern Germany to Poland and Russia and protested against the separation of the Saar."

On the subject of the Berlin Municipal elections in December, General Clay said:

"Despite the implied Soviet promises of an immediate improvement of standards, especially heating in the Western sectors, despite the persistent Communist propaganda charging the Western powers with responsibility for the Berlin blockade, and notwithstanding the threats of retaliation, West Berliners in a surprisingly large vote turn-out overwhelmingly expressed their confidence in the leadership of their own political parties, thereby categorically rejecting the Communist bid for power."

## Suspended Recovery

Mr. Clay submitted that what the moratorium was, it merely suspended the recovery of money through the Courts for the time being. Stanley Camp transactions had been settled because the people felt that it was right, owing to the fact that the moratorium was lifted.

The legislation dealt specifically with the interest on debts covered by the moratorium but did not deal with the after-occupation period. It dealt with the question of payment of interest, which was a very important point. It was further submitted by Mr. Clay that where there was a statute or ordinance restricting common law rights, it was to be construed strictly in favour of common law rights. It was unfair that a private individual at his own expense should be compelled to seek decisions of Courts because the legislature was so worded that the ordinary competent practitioner could not decide what it meant.

Mr. Clay said that before the occupation of the Colony, the Hong Kong Bank paid one per cent to every depositor who had more than \$1,000 in the bank for one month.

During the interment, the Bank did not pay one cent on balances and if it was not sued for four per cent during that period, the Bank would, no doubt, apply to the Court for an originating summons and say that it was against public policy that they should pay during that period. It would not, therefore, be worth while to start a test action against a wealthy body like the bank for a few hundred pounds.

Judgment was reserved until 11.30 a.m. on Friday.

## Dutch Holdings Of Francs

Amsterdam, January 10.

The Netherlands Bank announces that measures are seen here as an attempt to increase Holland's Belgian franc holdings.

Dutch holders of Belgian securities, which are quoted in the Brussels and Antwerp stock exchange in Belgian francs, are now entitled to export these securities to Belgium, provided that they are sold there immediately.

Proceeds in Belgian francs must be deposited on the Netherlands Bank account with the National Bank of Belgium at Brussels.

## TAKEN PRISONER BY THE JEWS

Pannagusta, January 10.

Six British soldiers were marched off under military escort on their arrival at Larnaca from Haifa today in the steamer Arbia.

The soldiers are believed to be deserters to the Arabs who had been captured by the Jews. They were wearing new boots and khaki clothing, apparently provided by the Jews.—Reuter.

## Big Australian Irrigation Plan

Canberra, January 11.

A report on the \$2,180 million scheme to harness the Snowy River and other rivers of the Australian Alps has been sent to the Federal Government, the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, announced tonight.

The scheme would divert the river, which rises in New South Wales, and flows through Victoria, to pass Bass Strait and irrigate new areas of land.—Reuter.

## A Penny A Mile To Australia

Melbourne, January 10.

A voyage to Australia on board Britain's new 30,000-ton Orient liner, Orcaades, costs just over a penny a mile—a sixth of the cost of air travel, Mr. C. Geddes, Chairman of the company, said here today.

Mr. Geddes arrived here last week in the Orcaades, which built at Harrow, set up a record for the Australia run, taking just over 22 days from Tilbury to Fremantle on her maiden voyage.

Asked whether the vessel's owners fear air rivalry, Mr. Geddes replied: "No, we would not have spent \$4,000,000 on a new ship if we did."

He said that unless there are sudden developments in sea travel, he expects the Orcaades will be modern and attractive enough for about 20 years.

All countries should try to give high priority to the turn-around of ships, Mr. Geddes said, as fast times at sea are negated by delays in port.—Reuter.

## Sydney Gets Heavy Rain

Sydney, January 10.

Heavy rains drenched the whole East coast of Australia today, assuring a good season for many primary products, ultimately producing more food for Britain.

Sydney had its heaviest rainfall for six years, up to 10 inches being recorded in some quarters.

Rain blocked the railway at Newcastle, New South Wales, for six hours, flooded low-lying suburbs, washed away beaches and sank small harbour craft.

More than 15,000 Sydney telephones were put out of order.

Up to eight inches of rain have also fallen in the drought-stricken meat-producing areas of Queensland and New South Wales.—Reuter.

Washington, January 11.

The Economic Co-operation Administration yesterday earmarked an additional \$970,000 in foreign aid for China, Ireland and Greece. Of this total China received \$10,000 for American technical service.—Associated Press.

## Britain Expects A Coal Record

London, January 10.

Britain is confident that her coal exports during 1949 will beat all post-war records and substantially exceed last year's figure of 16,100,000 tons.

The Chairman of the National Coal Board, Lord Hyndley, said so in London today.

Lord Hyndley said that while the Coal Board doubts whether the 23,000,000 tons export target set in the European Economic Recovery Programme will be achieved on the basis of the miners' present performance, every effort to reach it will be made.

Prices are not likely to change much from those now in force, the industry believes it can sell abroad without any difficulty all the large coal (for bunkering), gas coal and coke that it can produce.

Lord Hyndley gave his own personal target for 1949 production of deep-mined coal as 210,000,000 to 215,000,000 tons or more.

The figure has not yet had the approval of the full Board, he said, but technical advisers consider it practicable.

Lord Hyndley, voicing disappointment at the failure to reach last year's 200,000,000 tons target (output was 195,000,000 tons) asserted that concentration on improving the quality had cut the quantity and robbed the miners of full achievement.

## Contested Estate

A suggestion that she was only a servant and not married to Woo Chong was denied by Woo Yen Nui-ol, widow, when she was cross-examined by defence counsel at Supreme Court yesterday.

Woo Yen Nui-ol, widow of a returned Canadian Chinese, was the plaintiff in an action heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, in probate jurisdiction.

She claimed that as the widow of Woo Chong alias Woo Chong Kee alias Woo Tsun-nin, she was entitled to the administration of the estate and should be granted letters of administration.

The defendants were William G. Woo and Daisy Woo, who claimed that they were the executors and sole beneficiaries under a will of Woo Chong dated September 15, 1932.

## Will Was Revoked

Plaintiff claimed that this will was revoked by her marriage to Woo.

Continuing her evidence from the previous day, Woo Yen Nui-ol said she saw nothing when she arrived at her husband's house in the bridal chair as her face was covered with a piece of black silk.

After the reoccupation she lived together with the second defendant, Daisy Woo, until the latter returned to Canada. She did not receive any money from the second defendant. All that she and her son had were two meals a day.

After second defendant returned to Canada, she was paid HK\$50 a month for herself and her elder son through a Mrs. Choy. This sum was increased later to \$100, but for only two months.

First defendant returned in Hong Kong in June or July, 1946, and lived at No. 3 Cheungshawan Road, 2nd floor. He paid plaintiff HK\$80 a month for two months, then reduced the amount to \$60 for the next two months.

He then came to live with her at Tai Po Road and instead of making further payments, he bought the rice and paid her HK\$1.50 for each meal. He had the rice locked up, and rationed it for each meal.

Because of this treatment, plaintiff consulted a fellow villager and, on his advice, placed the matter in the hands of Woo and Woo, solicitors.

Under cross examination by Mr. J. McNeill, defence counsel, plaintiff said she did not know the names of any relatives present at her marriage. After the customary formalities, she went to her room. She added that as a bride it was not her duty to be inquisitive.

## Not A Servant

She denied that Woo Chong treated her only as a servant and not as his wife during the time they were in Hong Kong.

She said that she was given HK\$50 a month after the death of her husband, but denied this payment represented wages suitable for an amah. This payment was made after the second defendant had left for Canada.

She also denied that her husband came to Hong Kong at the end of 1932. She said she was married to her husband in February of that year.

"I was not engaged as a servant by Woo Chong when he was living at Po Hing Fong together with first defendant," said plaintiff. "I was married to him, and we had one servant."

Plaintiff also denied that she was asked to leave the house because her husband discovered her in a pregnant condition.

She left her husband and went back to the country because her husband had no money. She said he did not have money even to buy food, and the daughter had to sell some of her things.

The next witness, Chan Tip-wan, a midwife living at 29 Cheungshawan Road, 1st floor, testified to attending to plaintiff when she gave birth to a baby on September 5, 1932, at 28, Populur Street, 1st floor.

Witness said the name of the father was Woo Tsun-nin and that he furnished the particulars. She remembered the man because he was blind. She identified a photograph of Woo shown her in court.

Further hearing was adjourned until this morning.

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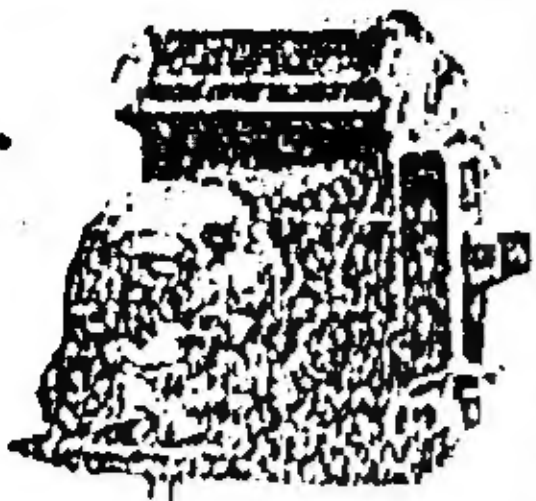




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Indians had nothing to lose, even if one of them had been run out, but it was a definite case of misunderstanding, though a rather costly one for the home team. Twenty Finger and Hart-Baker earned for Kowloon, the latter being caught off his glove (off Arculli) with the score at 10, but the side eventually managed to reach 147 thanks to Zimmerman and Mader who scored 34 and 23 respectively.

Kowloon was the most successful side for the day, with 4 for 17 to the Indians, but 3 for 50 to the Indians. The latter was over-bowled in that he was unlucky in that the ball did not give him the required result.

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M. J. McDuff, Abdul-Hazek played a first class innings but when he opened with Nazim. It was the first time McDuff was sent out to open the innings and the experiment paid as he showed excellent form and punished anything short of a length. Nazim tried his best to trap Duff with his leg-theory but the batsman was not to be tempted.

S. A. Ismail also batted grandly for 39 not out and with a shade more luck the Indians would have taken full points. They deserved to win, for contrary to their usual practice, they really went for the runs this time.

On the adjoining ground (Army), sent to the University who are yet without their own ground. University unexpectedly beat Club "Scorpions" by 91 runs, thanks mainly to an undefeated century by J. M. Gosans (122 not out). He was mainly responsible for the Undergrads being able to declare at 185 for 6.

**Sting Taken Out**  
"Scorpions" had all the sting taken out of them after this spell of leather hunting and were dismissed for six short of the hundred mark.

It was indeed a sorry day for HKCC, for while the "Scorpions" were taking a beating at Sookun-

poo, "Optimists" did no better at Chater Road, where they lost to Army by five wickets. "Optimists," however, were by no means disgraced for they put up a very creditable performance, scoring 131 when they took first place of the wicket, with N. R. Oliver (34) at top score. Arthur Perry was shipping very well when he was hit by a ball not forced to retire with his score at 21. For the Army Slepto was the most successful bowler, taking 5 for 56.

Lewis (78) and Binton (37 not out) both batted well for Army who passed Club's total with five wickets in hand, their score at close of play being 198 for 5.

Playing at home, Chongpooer failed badly against Recreation and were beaten by six wickets. The home team found themselves up against a really fine line of bowling. Shady Purnia (15 for 42) and Eddie Gossan (14 for 21) at then best and as a result, a run-out was a painful affair. A. H. C. Tarrant, Ismail and Williams shared batting honours with 13 runs apiece.

Recreation had no difficulty in getting the runs and passed the home team's score with six wickets in hand.

**Consolidated Chances**

Indian HC seconds consolidated their chances of finishing at the top of the Second Division when they beat KCC juniors by 26 runs. They batted first and their skipper, A. H. Baker made a sporting declaration with the score at 107 for 9. Going in for a "K. C. (Coke)" Mar-kar played a really fine innings for 25 not out. If this player would spend more time at the net, rather than chasing a softball around the "garden" (I think that is how the softball wallie describe the outfield) he would really get somewhere. As it is, he can only depend on his chance.

A total like 107 is by no means beyond the capabilities of a team like KCC juniors, but A. M. Rungah, playing in his first League match of the season, showed that he had lost none of his wile and proceeded to get in-

## No Interport With Shanghai

Owing to the unsettled conditions prevailing in North China at the moment, the Hong Kong Football Association will not be sending a soccer team to Shanghai for the customary interport games over the Chinese New Year holidays.

Amongst the wickets, taking 4 for 19 while Ebrahim stoutly played his part with 3 for 7 and Kowloon were skittled out for 52. E. Randall (25) alone making a stand against some accurate bowling. In the only other match of the afternoon, Recreation beat HK Land Forces by 8 runs, bowlers on both sides getting very much the upper hand as witness the fact that Stephenson took 6 for 21 for HK Land Forces and C. A. Guterres 5 for 12 for Recreation.

## Hockey Fixtures

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**  
Dutch HC v Club de Recreation, King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m.; Umpires, C. J. Merritt and Yeo Sui Gater.  
Dutch HC v RAF, King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m.; Umpires, E. A. Miller and S. B. C. Shaw.  
University v Cable & Wireless, Pokfulam Road, 10 a.m.; Umpires, G. T. Palmer and J. H. Binko.  
YMCA v Navy, King's Park (YMCA), 10.30 a.m.; Umpires, Capt. H. J. Chisnall and P. F. Xavier.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**  
Navy v Army, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Umpires, Makhani Singh and S. A. Fowler.  
All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3030) Ex. 117, before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

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Army V Army; Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.  
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KHRC	12	1	1	1	1	1	12
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